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Rallying cry to pro-Europeans

Heseltine and Aitken reopen Tory civil war

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

THE standard of the Conservative pro-Europeans was raised by Michael Heseltine yesterday with a warning against Britain turning its back on a single currency and a pledge not to pander to the Euro-sceptic public mood.

In a warning shot for John Major against giving any more ground to the sceptics, the President of the Board of Trade said the Government must not wrap itself in a national flag in the preparations for next year's conference on the future of Europe or allow any doubts to arise over its commitment to the EU. He said that foreign investment could be at risk.

"In the end, one is in politics because you believe in things and you have to argue for them if they are important enough," he said. He suggested that some British firms would opt to trade in a single currency even if the country decided to stay out.

Mr Heseltine's intervention came on the day that Jonathan Aitken publicly set his face against a single currency. Mr Aitken, the Treasury Chief Secretary, said: "I don't want a single currency, period, for as far as I can foresee. I would hesitate for an eternity before I came out and said I would vote for a single currency."

The sharp divergence between two such senior figures meant that Mr Major's new strategy for unity had suffered a resounding setback. Robin Cook, Shadow Foreign Secretary, accused the Government of "going round in circles" and demanded a general election before the European summit.

In a speech to the Conservative Way Forward group on Friday, whose tone has been welcomed by many of the Euro-sceptics, Mr Major ruled out a single currency in 1997 and announced new conditions before Britain could even contemplate entry, but left open the door to joining one at a later stage. The formula was a compromise



Heseltine: warning shot for the Prime Minister

designed to keep the warring factions under control and was endorsed on Saturday by Douglas Hurd. Yesterday's developments, however, suggested that Mr Major has a huge task on his hands.

It was Mr Heseltine's call to arms that delighted the pro-Europeans. It came as the Conservative Group for Europe, an official organisation within the party, went on the offensive against the Euro-sceptics. In a letter to members, believed to run into hundreds, the group said that the Government's efforts to appease the Euro-rebels were risking party unity.

Mr Heseltine is understood to have been moved to speak out after his visit to Japan last week where some observers apparently doubted Britain's commitment to Europe. First, in an article in *The Sunday Times*, he hinted that Britain might need to make concessions in next year's talks. He added: "How else do you advance negotiations? There is another way — wrap yourself in the national flag and give not an inch."

Then in an interview on *The World This Weekend* on BBC Radio 4, Mr Heseltine delivered remarks that suggested he was far from happy with the Cabinet's perceived shift towards Euro-scepticism. He said that the change in mood over Europe had been created by the recession and "indigestion" over the single-market rules and regulations.

There were two ways to react: either by saying that the public must be right or putting over the positive arguments of British self-interest to lead public opinion back. In what seemed to be criticism of his colleagues, he added: "I have been around quite a long time. I have not changed my mind on these major issues and I think it is unlikely that I will now. And I certainly won't do it in order to pander to a whim of what happens to be potentially a temporary change of some people's opinions."

Mr Heseltine said that Britain had to be involved in the work preparing for a single currency, whether it eventually joined or not, in order to ensure that nobody "pulled a fast one". Britain would have to ponder at the time "whether it is in Britain's self-interest and what the consequences of not joining are".

All his remarks implied that he was in favour. He said that if a significant number of countries went ahead and Britain did not, some companies might say that because they had a big European interest, they would switch their banking facilities into the new common currency. "If that were to happen, it could well be you will find that the effects of a single currency will come to this country whether you like it or not."

He said that anxieties about Britain's commitment to Europe were being expressed by people taking investment decisions: "It is of the first priority that we do not undermine the remarkable success we are attracting in bringing all that inward investment. They are coming here because they believe we are the best place in Europe in which to invest. We must not allow doubts to arise about that."

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Absinthe (Girl in a Café) by Picasso, featured in Hermitage Art in Vanity Fair with other unveiled treasures by Cézanne, Monet, Manet and Matisse

Masterpieces discovered in Russian museum

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

A CÉZANNE and a Picasso assumed to have perished in the Second World War and unseen since they were taken by the Red Army are published in *The Times* today.

The paintings were confiscated in 1945 by Soviet troops as compensation for Hitler's mass destruction of their cultural heritage. Cézanne's *Bathers* and Picasso's *Absinthe (Girl in a Café)* are among 74 masterpieces of French Impressionist, post-Impressionist and modern art that have been hidden within the vaults of the Hermitage museum in St Petersburg.

The Russians are about to unveil them, along with a collection that includes Monets, Manets and Matisses and most of the leading masters of the 19th and early 20th centuries.

As many as two-thirds of the pictures have never been published and most have never been exhibited. Before the war they were hidden away in private collections; after the war they were secreted in the museum.

Professor Mikhail Piotrovski, the Hermitage's director since 1992, said that he first saw the art stored in his museum when he became deputy director in 1991, though his father had been director for 26 years. He spoke of the strange sensation of being the only scholar in the world who could enjoy Degas's *Place de la Concorde*, Gauguin's portraits of children and early Monets that show the master's development into Impressionism. Some 15 images will be published for the first time by *Vanity Fair* magazine on Wednesday.

Several of the paintings will be shown at the Hermitage for the first time this week, whetting the world's appetite for a major exhibition from March 30 to August. It marks the first of a series of shows from these once-secret collection. A show of drawings is also planned.

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Howard plans 'house of pain' regimes for youth offenders

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is to introduce American-style "boot camps" in Britain to provide tougher and more physically demanding regimes aimed at knocking criminal tendencies out of young offenders.

Plans for a pilot project in which young convicts will face a strict military-type schedule of work, exercise and education are to be unveiled within the next few weeks.

The proposal has been disclosed in a prison service document leaked to *The Times*. It states that a key part of its future strategy will be the introduction of "a pilot project for young offenders based on the high impact programmes developed in the United States, which provide a long and more active day and a more demanding regime".

Derek Lewis, director-general of the service, refused to comment on the plan which has been developed after both he and Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, visited the United States and looked at "incarceration" camps to see if they or something similar could be introduced in Britain.

Military-model "high impact incarceration programmes" operate in several parts of the United States including Rikers Island, a jail in New York, which Mr Lewis visited mission last year. Its Adolescent Reception and Detention Centre is known by inmates as "The House of Pain".

The no-nonsense regime begins with a 5 am alarm to start the day, early morning runs, drilling, plus five half days attending classes. Lights go out at 10 pm and inmates must have marine-type short haircuts and cannot watch television or wear jewellery.

While on the rigorous programme inmates carry out community service work, including removing graffiti from public buildings and are provided with counselling on substance abuse, alcohol and drug problems.

At Rikers Island inmates must spend a mimimum of 60 days on the programme and receive certificates to say they have successfully completed the course at a graduation ceremony. The ceremony includes a military-model display and inmates singing the American and Puerto Rican national anthems.

The Home Secretary has been anxious to toughen regimes throughout the penal system and said last year that the public wanted "tough and challenging penalties" for young offenders. His decision to introduce a pilot scheme based on the American experience will delight the Right of the Conservative Party which has been demanding tougher action against young offenders and an assault on the probation service which is seen by Home Office ministers as the weak link in the criminal justice system.

Harry Fletcher, assistant general secretary of the National Association of Probation Officers, issued a warning that previous experiments in Britain had proved a failure. The "short, sharp shock" regime introduced by William Whitelaw in the early 1980s had not cut re-offending rates, he noted. A project involving a lot of physical exercise would be fraught with danger as many offenders were unfit because of drug or alcohol abuse.

In America the record of "boot camp" programmes in cutting re-offending is regarded as unproven. A study of what happened to inmates from camps in Louisiana showed that they violated parole at roughly the same rate as former inmates of prisons.

Unionists step up pressure on Major

BY PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

ULSTER Unionists yesterday tried to step up pressure on John Major to ditch plans to allow Dublin involvement in Northern Ireland by putting themselves on an election footing and hinting that they would be happy to work with a Labour government.

There were clear signs that Labour has embarked on a drive to improve its relationship with the Unionists, while making plain that it would never bring the Government down over the Ulster peace process.

Senior Unionists said that if the framework document being drawn up by the two governments contained proposals for all-Ireland bodies with executive powers they would withdraw their support. James Molyneaux, the leader of the Ulster Unionists, raised the stakes further by telling constituency parties to choose candidates in seats that did not have a sitting MP.

Marjorie Mowlam, Labour's Northern Ireland spokeswoman, gave a speech on Saturday to the Londonderry East constituency of William Ross, the Ulster Unionist chief whip, and promised an "open, honest and straight-talking relationship". Yesterday leading Unionists, who were critical of Labour's former Ulster spokesman, Kevin McNamara, went out of their way to praise Labour's stance.

Ken Maginnis, the MP for Fermanagh and South Tyrone, said she had made

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Police besiege empty shop as royal gem thieves escape

BY KATHRYN KNIGHT AND ALAN HAMILTON

JEWELS belonging to the Norwegian royal family were part of a £250,000 haul taken from Garrard, the Regent Street jewellers, yesterday. Police surrounded the store in London's West End for six hours, unaware that the three raiders had already fled the scene.

The area, busy with Sunday shoppers, was sealed off after a burglar alarm was triggered and police surrounded the shop. Two security guards held by the raiders were released, but when police with dogs subsequently searched the store, they found it was deserted.

Flying Squad officers and store staff were last night checking the stock of a shop famous as the Crown jewellers. The stolen items, including a tiara and brooches belonging to the Norwegian royal family, were not being held in the jeweller's main vaults but in a safe in a less secure area where they were awaiting collection. The tiara was thought to have been worn by Queen Sonja, although the Norwegian Government declined to comment.

Scotland Yard said the robbery began at 10.25 yesterday morning when two security guards, arriving to collect a consignment for delivery to a client, were pounced on and bundled into the building. The alarm went off about 15 minutes later. When police arrived they found one guard lying in front of the building handcuffed to a railing and another who had managed to free himself. They had been bound, gagged and blindfolded by the raiders, who obtained keys to the basement safe and took four or five items of jewellery.

One of the raiders was dressed in police uniform of yellow reflective jacket and white helmet and was carrying a revolver of First World War vintage. He was described as being about 6ft 2in and stocky, while the other two were said to be about 5ft 6in and aged about 50. A large area around Regent Street and Piccadilly Circus was cordoned off.

After several hours of appeals to the raiders to give themselves up police were forced to admit the intruders were no longer in the building. They were thought to have escaped as soon as police arrived, mingling with the Sunday shopping crowd.

More than 70 officers were involved in the siege after reports that the raiders were armed. A police spokesman said that no shots had been fired.

Norwegian authorities dismissed suggestions that the Norwegian crown jewels were in London and claimed that they were still safely locked away in a Trondheim cathedral.



Armed police during the siege in Regent Street yesterday

£1.2m deal for PowerGen boss

Ed Wallis, PowerGen's chief executive, made more than £1.2 million in a share option deal last year, research from Income Data Services has revealed.

Five of his fellow directors each made paper profits of between £783,000 and £931,000.

In the middle six months of last year, directors across British industry exercising share options made profits of nearly £170,000 each, the IDS survey found. Page 44

America puts off Chinese sanctions

A three-week period of grace before tough sanctions come into effect in the trade war between America and China have bolstered hopes that a settlement can be reached. Mickey Kantor, the US Trade Representative, said that the Chinese were copying computer software, books, canned goods, breakfast cereals and compact discs. Page 12

Leak threatens shuttle mission

Fuel leaking from a thruster on the space shuttle Discovery could threaten today's rendezvous with the Russian Mir space station. Two leaks have been found and the Russians are concerned that the fuel could damage Mir. Page 6

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Teachers threaten action as Treasury squeezes budgets

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

THE Government is to announce a pay rise costing £290 million for the 500,000 teachers in England and Wales on Thursday despite a Treasury refusal to provide the money to pay for it. The money must come instead from local efficiency savings or school reserves.

Local authorities, which must foot the bill even though their income has in effect been frozen by the Government, said yesterday that the rise, worth 2.9 per cent to teachers, would cause wholesale redundancies. Teacher leaders said that class sizes would soar and militant action was inevitable.

Some school governors, who depend on money allocated by the council plus cash from reserves and fund-raising, are threatening to set illegal budgets or refuse to set one at all rather than to sack teachers or enlarge classes.

Pat Petch, vice-chairman of the National Governors' Council, said yesterday: "We have reached a crunch point. Governors have been saying this is coming for some time. You can't keep on cutting school budgets year after year and thinking you will get away with it."

Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, fought hard with the Treasury to win more money for teachers, but eventually agreed that the 1.1 per cent cash increase granted to local authorities would be enough to fund the teachers' annual pay award.

Councils say the extra money will be needed to pay for the extra services they have to provide under new legislation. Some have budgeted for a 1.5 per cent pay rise, but many poorer authorities have made no provision and none has allowed for the 2.9 per cent increase expected in Thursday's pay review.

This will be the third year running that the Government has failed to provide all the money needed to fund the rise which it agrees for teachers on the recommendation of the board. Schools have been digging into their reserves to make up the difference. Many have been giving voluntary redundancy to older teachers and employing younger and cheaper staff to reduce the paybill.

Mike Grearly, financial-under-secretary of the Association of County Councils, said yesterday that no authorities would be able to pay the 2.9 per cent increase. They would have to rely on the individual schools, who now have the responsibility for running their own budgets, to find the extra money.

"The county sends a cash sum to each school and it is up to them to spend it as best they can. They will increase class sizes, cut back on maintenance and school building programmes.

"We see it as inevitable that teacher numbers will fall — although we are not in a position to predict or dictate that. Most will manage to keep up staff numbers until the end of the summer term but when they study how much they can afford from September they will be making cuts."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers, said: "Because this is going to be one cut too far and one unfunded pay rise too many there is a ground swell of opinion growing.

"We have already seen strikes in Newcastle and a vote in Oxford for a day of protest. There are growing demands for a co-ordinated national campaign."

College quango open to scrutiny

BY JOHN O'LEARY, EDUCATION EDITOR

FURTHER education colleges are to be given a lesson in open government by the quango responsible for the £3 billion they spend, only two months after the sector was rocked by allegations of sleaze and mismanagement.

Governors and principals have agreed to establish their own codes of conduct after damning inquiries at Derby College, Wilmorton, and St Philip's College, Birmingham.

But the Further Education Funding Council has taken the initiative by opening up its affairs in a way that may become a model for the Nolan Committee's recommendations on public bodies. As well as setting up a register of members' interests, the quango will guarantee public access to agendas and minutes of council and committee meetings.

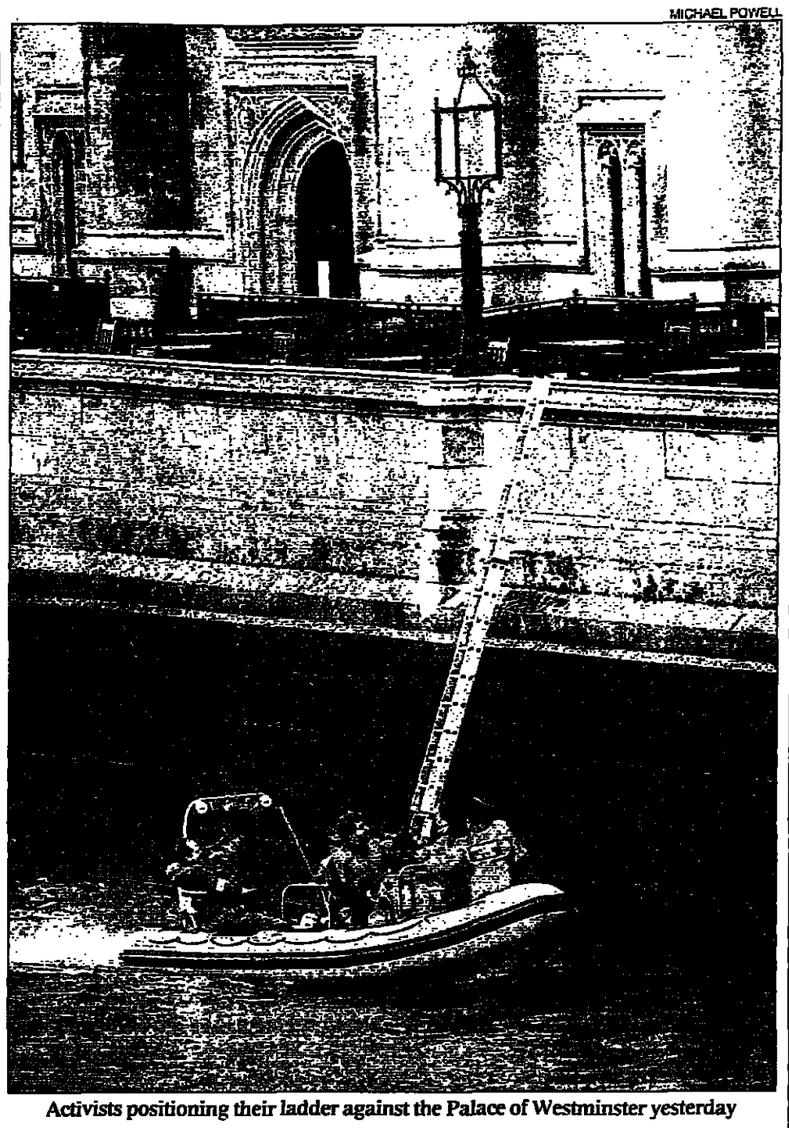
There will be the annual equivalent of a shareholders' meeting and guidelines are to be published on the personal conduct of council members and senior staff. Robert Gunn, the council's chairman, and Sir William Stubbs, chief executive, have been invited to give evidence to the Nolan Committee on the plans. The 500 colleges of further education are being asked to submit their own proposals.

The management of further education came under public scrutiny last November when separate inquiries commissioned by the council recommended the removal of governors at the Derby and St Philip's Colleges.

At Derby College, governors were found to have paid themselves £16,000 of expenses that they were not entitled to. The management of St Philip's Roman Catholic Sixth Form College was said to be "seriously defective".

Roger McClure, the council's finance director, said it had not been influenced by the two cases, but had decided to formalise its procedures because of the national debate on standards in public life. "This is consolidating what we set out to do."

MICHAEL POWELL



Activists positioning their ladder against the Palace of Westminster yesterday

Animal rights protesters arrested at Westminster

SEVEN animal rights protesters arrested after storming Westminster Palace by boat were released without charge, police said last night.

The five men and two women were held on a charge of civil trespass and taken to Charing Cross police station, central London.

They had sailed up the Thames from Putney in an inflatable motorised dinghy to reach the Palace at 3pm where they scaled the walls to reach Speaker's Green. There they unfurled banners protesting against live animal exports and commemorating Jill Phipps, the protester who died last week under the wheels of a cattle lorry.

Dave Wetton, 51, a spokesman for the protesters, said: "The security staff must have been asleep at their cameras because they didn't come out for nearly ten minutes. But because the water was so choppy we couldn't get the ladder to stand up against the wall in that time, and their heads popped over the top."

The former National Secretary of the Hunt Saboteurs added: "I know this action seems radical and is a little dangerous but you have to be radical sometimes for campaigns to work.

"It's no good just grumbling. Action works. Look at the poll tax campaign or even the suffragettes. It is unfortunate in some instances that there have to be sacrifices."

Jill Vaney, who was one of the six protesters, said before the invasion: "We're doing this demo against the live export of calves. This is a peaceful demonstration. We are also doing it partly in memory of Jill Phipps, the animal welfare protester who died at Coventry last week."

Tory rule destroys fabric of society, says Blair

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JAMES LANDALE

TONY BLAIR said yesterday that Britain was in danger of breaking up because of social divisions created by the Conservatives.

The Labour leader tried to extend his appeal to the middle classes by calling on the poor and better-off to unite behind his "new Labour party", saying that his crusade for social justice was "an alliance of the poor and the comfortable".

Mr Blair said the country was suffering from the same evils as 50 years ago in a society now three times richer. The Tories "never cared about the underclass. Now they have sold out on the middle class too. We're all worse off in a divided Britain."

He said Britain was worse off because the standard of life was diminishing with environmental neglect, failed community care policies, poor housing, a creaking infrastructure and a lack of political leadership.

"Britain is in danger of breaking up and it is the Tories who are doing the breaking. It's not a Scottish Parliament that makes people scared to leave their homes at night. It is crime. It's not local democracy that wrecks whole towns and communities. It is long-term unemployment."

Mr Blair also used his speech, to a gathering of Young Labour and local government activists in Brighton, to step up his battle to change Clause Four of Labour's constitution. He said the key to victory was trust.

"Before they change to Labour people need to be sure. They need to know us and to trust us. Modernising our aims and values is the symbol of that trust. It shows that we, who ask for the right to change our country, have had the courage to change ourselves."

The Young Labour delegates gave their overwhelming support. In the first formal vote in any part of the national Labour Party, the 350 delegates with an average age of 21 voted by 68 per cent to 17 per cent to approve the plans.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Salary bill for NHS managers up by 83%

The pay bill for NHS managers and administrators has risen by £1 billion in the past five years to £2.2 billion, a Labour MP claims today. The 83 per cent increase in the cost of running the NHS market contrasts with the 25 per cent increase in the pay bill for England's nurses and midwives, figures released by Alan Milburn, MP for Darlington, show.

Mr Milburn said that, from 1989-90 to 1993-94, managers' pay trebled from £159 million to £609 million, and in the past year it rose by 22 per cent while the nurses' pay bill fell.

Hunt violence

Five anti-hunt campaigners were injured and one man was arrested over the weekend during violent clashes at a meeting of the Chiddingfold, Leconfield and Cowdray Foxhunt at Petworth Park, West Sussex. Supporters of the hunt attacked a saboteurs' van, throwing a lorry jack through the windscreen, during clashes.

Man disarmed

PC Peter Hiam, 44, was praised by colleagues for disarming a man who walked through Highworth, near Swindon, on Saturday night randomly firing a shotgun. Wiltshire Police said PC Hiam had run up behind the gunman and grabbed the barrel of the loaded gun. A 44-year-old man was being questioned last night.

Rwanda appeal

Oxfam is writing to 18,000 credit card donors who pleged half a million pounds to its record-breaking Rwanda appeal after their money failed to be collected. About 5 per cent of the total failed to reach Rwandan projects after a money collection company failed to process all the credit card pledges. There is no suggestion of fraud.

Safer haven

The Montrose Basin, a large inlet on the northeast coast of Scotland which acts as a stopping off point for thousands of migrating birds, including 40,000 pink-footed geese, today becomes the 100th site in Britain to be named a Special Protection Area under the European Community's Wild Birds Directive.

Eyes lobby EU

Private investigators are to lobby the EU to introduce legislation to regulate their industry, allowing them greater access to information covered by data protection laws. The Association of British Investigators believeas that setting up a self-regulatory body would allow it to operate like other professional groups.

Crash victims

A mother and two children were killed yesterday in a car crash on a Scottish borders road. The three, all from Midlothian, were travelling in a Vauxhall Astra that collided with a lorry on the A68 between Lauder and Earlston, blocking the road between Edinburgh and Jedburgh for five hours. The lorry driver was unhurt.

Hotel destroyed

A 12th-century thatched hotel at Winsford, Somerset, has been destroyed by fire. The Royal Oak hotel, named the Les Routiers Hotel of the Year in 1994 for accommodation, has survived a number of fires down the centuries, the last 11 years ago. Charlie Stevens, the landlord for the last 24 years, has promised to rebuild the hotel.

£10m winner

A single jackpot winner will scoop £10.3 million in the National Lottery, Camelot, the organiser, said. Announcing the provisional results of Saturday's draw, Camelot said four others could expect to win £796,000 for matching five numbers plus the bonus ball. Ticket sales rose to £62 million.

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Clegg supporters demand to see TV programme

BY LIN JENKINS

CAMPAIGNERS for the release of Private Lee Clegg are demanding to see a television programme on his case before it is transmitted tonight. They fear it might include a mock trial that would prejudice the paratrooper's case. If it does they will take legal action to stop the *Panorama* programme from being broadcast.

Simon McKay, Clegg's legal representative, said: "We will consider our actions in the light of the programme. From what we understand now it is possible we might take action, but not probable."

Clegg is serving a life sentence for the murder of Karen Reilly, who was shot while a passenger in car stolen by joyriders after it failed to stop at an army checkpoint in Belfast. The Clegg Committee of campaigners had declined to participate in the documentary. The BBC1 programme is expected to have a barrister, Michael Mansfield, QC, make a case for the 26-year-old Bradford soldier to be kept in prison. Sir Ivan Lawrence, QC, a Conservative MP and chairman of the Home Affairs Select Committee, will argue for his release. At the end of the programme, the presenter David Dimbleby will ask a studio jury to deliver its verdict.



Clegg: life sentence

A spokesman for *Panorama* said that the programme was not a retrial of Clegg. "However, for the first time, a cross-section of the British public will be asked whether it is right that Private Clegg should stay in jail for the murder of Karen Reilly."

Mr McKay said neither he nor Clegg had been consulted by the "counsel for the defence" and added: "Whilst deferring to Sir Ivan's experience and abilities, we find this feature of the documentary, with respect, absurd."

Mr Mansfield and Sir Ivan will question witnesses to the shooting, including people from the local community, and Clegg's supporters. Clegg's mother, Mrs Wynne Johnson, was invited to take part but refused.

The programme will look at the pressures facing soldiers in Northern Ireland and their record of killing civilians.

Those taking part include Eugene Brannigan, a witness to the shooting, Simon Cooper, a former soldier who was a member of the patrol involved, and John Ware, a BBC reporter who made a *Panorama* programme in 1991 that investigated the 1990 shooting. That programme, "Lethal Force", implied the incident was part of a shoot-to-kill policy operated by British forces in Northern Ireland.

Firemen free victim of terrorist justice

REPUBLICAN terrorists carried out one of their most brutal punishment beatings when they jammed the leg of a 19-year-old man through a metal fence in Belfast (Nicholas Watt writes).

Firefighters had to be called to free the man's leg, wedged between two slots in the fence, after people in Ardoyne heard his screams. He was recovering in hospital yesterday.

The Belfast-based group Families Against Intimidation and Terror said that since September republicans had carried out 40 beatings of alleged "anti-social elements" and loyalists had shot 13 people and beaten 24.

The group said: "We condemn this latest gross violation of human rights. It can only be a matter of time until there is a fatality. We urge the British and Irish Governments to confront the political representatives of the IRA and loyalist paramilitaries with these violations."

Unionists step up pressure

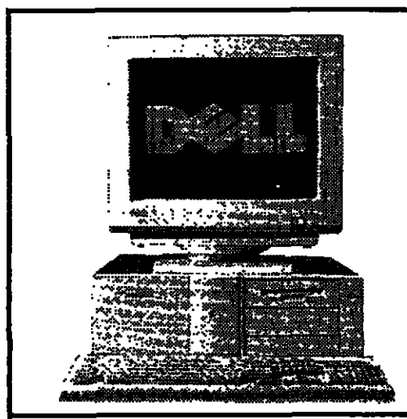
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communications with Labour "much easier" and that the party appeared to be "rowing back" from any commitment to a united Ireland. David Trimble, the MP for Upper Bann, said Labour was moving to a neutral position over the issue of a united Ireland.

The Unionists are thought to be unlikely to try to bring the Government down, even though Mr Trimble adopted a hawkish tone yesterday. "If the policy of this Government is to try and persuade, cajole or lean on Ulster Unionists towards accepting some form of all-Ireland political institution as an embryonic all-Ireland state, it would be impossible for us to continue to support them," he said.

Mr Maginnis and Mr Molyneaux have been more cautious, however. Mr Maginnis said yesterday that there was no attempt to "blackmail" the Government and his party would behave honourably. Even so, the Government is facing the prospect up of a prolonged campaign in Parliament in which Labour could make common cause with the Unionists. None of the Government's main legislative proposals is thought to be vulnerable but Labour believes there may be scope for wider rebellions on the later stages of the Finance Bill.

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Rescuers condemn press auction for climbers' tales

BY GILLIAN BOWDITCH
SCOTLAND CORRESPONDENT

TWO young women trapped for two nights on Ben Nevis in sub-zero temperatures survived almost unharmed by digging a snowhole and wrapping their arms around each other. They won praise from rescuers for meticulously following survival techniques, but were also criticised for accepting money from journalists for their stories.

Zoe Green, 20, a journalism student from Sheffield, and Iona Roden, 22, from Warwickshire, never gave up hope but admitted that they did not know how much longer they could have gone on.

Miss Green said: "It was a double nightmare on Friday when we realised we were going to have to spend another night up there. It was horrible. Very, very frightening. We knew we'd live another night, but we didn't know what was going to happen beyond that."

The women were discharged from hospital yesterday into the care of journalists who had reputedly paid five-figure sums for their stories.

The bizarre auction ended when Miss Green accepted an offer believed to be £20,000 from the *Daily Mail* and her companion accepted what was believed to be a similar figure from a Birmingham news agency.

But the rescuers who saved the pair expressed anger at the way the women's story was auctioned to the press. Terry Confield, leader of the Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team and one of the team who found the women, said: "Ours is a voluntary service. It does not cost the public any money and it does not cost the people we rescue any money. So we don't expect them to be taking money for it."


Iona Roden: criticised over press cash deal

A spokesman for the *Daily Mail* said last night that at Miss Green's request a donation would be made to the Lochaber mountain rescue team, but he declined to say how much would be given.

Over the weekend, six bids on crumpled slips of paper had been handed to Alistair Grant, the divisional general manager of Belford Hospital in Fort William.

Mr Grant, who had provided a shuttle service between the journalists and the women, was bewildered. "I have been here for 20 years but I have never known this to happen before," he said.

"I suppose it is something that is going to happen more often now," he added. The Lochaber team has 45 members and they are called out between 60 and 70 times a year. It costs £30,000 a year to run the team with each volunteer needing £1,000 of equipment.

The students from the University of Central Lancashire had tried to struggle to the summit of the 4,406ft mountain on Saturday morning but discovered they were too exhausted to make the last 200ft. "We realised we were too weak and sick and couldn't go on," Miss Green said.

As the women huddled together in their snowhole they could hear avalanches thundering past them. Later on they heard the tantalising sounds of dogs barking and helicopters overhead.

They frantically blew on their whistles and flashed SOS signs on their torches. But the search party of 40 rescuers and two sniffer dogs which had set off at first light on Friday failed to find them.

As dusk fell rescuers abandoned the search as gales of up to 70mph and blinding snow forced the searchers back and stopped helicopters from landing.

A team of 75 mountain rescuers took to the hills on Saturday while the women's anxious relatives waited in Fort William. Yesterday they admitted they had given up hope of ever seeing the pair alive. Miss Roden's mother said: "I had these terrible pictures in my head. I kept seeing her lying there, injured or dead.

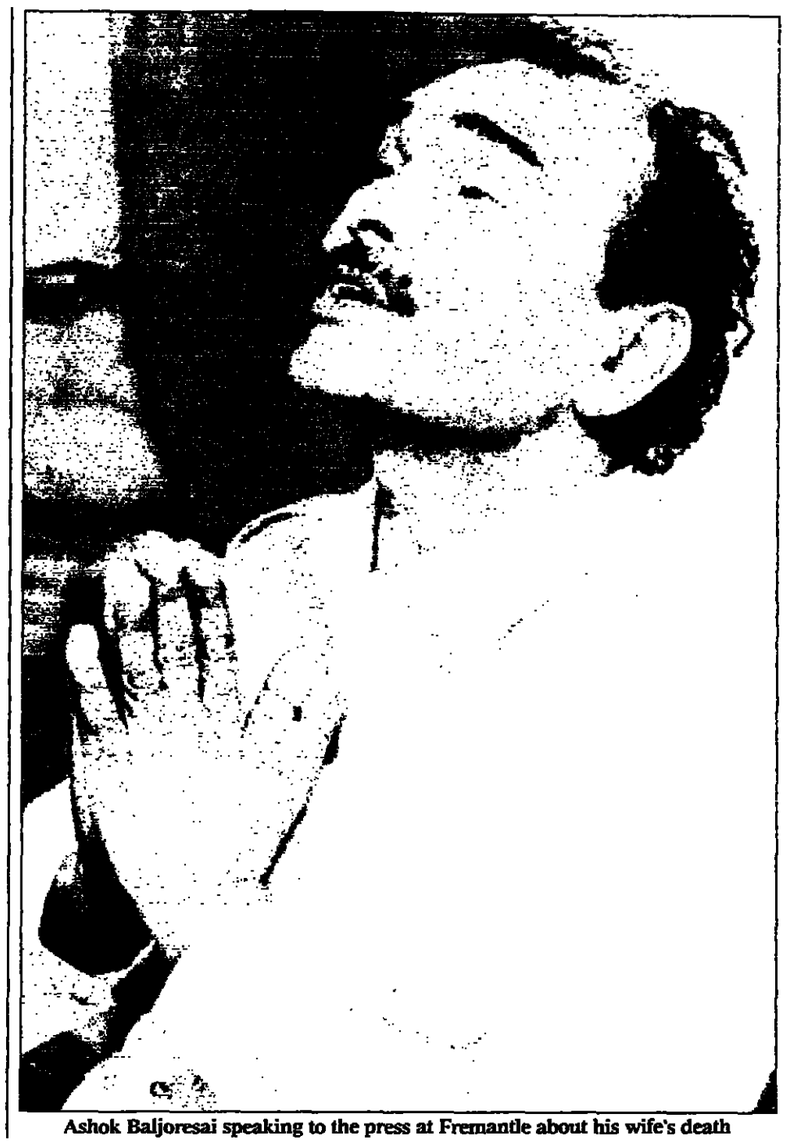
"You feel so powerless. There's nothing at all that you can do. But I was frantic. I was convinced that she was dead. I spent most of the night trying to face the worst."

Describing the moment when they were found, Miss Green said: "When the rescuers arrived, I just broke down. One of them put his arms around us and gave us a big hug."

The women were praised by their rescuers for their survival skills and their high quality equipment. Donald Watt of Lochaber Mountain Rescue Team said: "They did the right thing in staying put. Conditions on the Ben at the moment are not too good.

"On Friday we had extreme avalanche conditions so we couldn't put too many searchers in the one area. There were 75 people on that mountain with glum faces reckoning they were looking for a tragedy and now they're beaming."


Zoe Green leaves hospital yesterday with Lesley Rickard, her mother, and Peter, her brother


Ashok Baljoresai speaking to the press at Fremantle about his wife's death

Yachtsman tells how his wife wasted away

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

POLICE in Western Australia last night gave a rescued British yachtsman permission to leave the country after being satisfied with his account of how his wife died at sea.

Ashok Baljoresai, who told a press conference how his British-born wife Pamela wasted away after their yacht drifted for two months in the Indian Ocean, is expected to return to Mauritius by air later this week. The couple, who were married in Singapore in August, were sailing home to Mauritius.

He was interviewed by police after he stepped ashore on Saturday from the Russian cargo ship *Anatoly Vasilyev*, which had rescued him from the Indian Ocean a week earlier.

Yesterday, accompanied by Bob Andrews, British vice-consul in Fremantle, Mr Baljoresai, 54, said he did not consider it reckless to set out on such a long voyage without a satellite beacon and without notifying anyone in Mauritius of their likely arrival date. "I just had very bad luck. You could go out on the street tomorrow and be knocked over," he said. "I can't blame myself."

The Mauritian-born British passport holder described the anguish of watching the slow death of the woman who had been his companion for almost 30 years. His 66-year-old wife had grown gradually weaker and sicker, unable to eat from their dwindling rations, as their disabled 30ft yacht *Dream Weaver* drifted in mid-ocean.

"It should have taken us three weeks to reach our home in Mauritius after our last stop at Lebuhan, a small Indonesian fishing village near Java," he said. But on November 28 a storm broke the £35,000-yacht's mast and set the couple adrift 250 miles off the coast of Mauritius.

"My wife was already sick and although we had experienced tropical storms at sea before, I now felt my luck had run out," he said. "She could not keep anything down: not even water. Finally she did not even want to try to drink. I was helpless. All I could do was comfort her and keep trying to persuade her to take the water. We did not talk about death at all. I don't know if she realised she was dying.

"When she died, I washed her and dressed her in her best clothes. Then 24 hours later I said a prayer and put her over the side. I had no choice."

Mr Baljoresai described the bitter disappointment of seeing a ship pass on the horizon on Christmas Eve. "My wife was not so ill then and I cannot describe my excitement. I sent up a flare, but it was ignored. Either the passing ship didn't see me, or didn't want to know me."

After his wife's death Mr Baljoresai survived the final weeks on fish, flour and rice.

Hospital threatens court action to recover needle

BY NIGEL HAWKES

THE hospital accused of leaving a hypodermic needle inside a newborn baby is to seek a court order to get the needle back.

Treliske Hospital in Truro, Cornwall, said that an investigation into the incident could not proceed without the needle. If it were not returned by noon today the hospital would go to the courts to recover it.

A spokesman said: "We have a duty to the public and to the baby's health to ensure that this investigation is completed as quickly and as thoroughly as possible. The Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust is very concerned that the refusal by the legal representatives of the baby's parents is delaying this important investigation, and we are now seeking a court order to recover the needle."

The baby's father, Steve Jones, 31, from Helston, Cornwall, said: "I thought it was a joke. They are adding insult to injury." He said that he and his wife Andrea had not been able to settle into normal family life with their son because of the incident.

Adrian Hickman, a medical injuries specialist representing the couple, denied that they had refused to release the needle, but said that they needed to take expert advice and to consider the matter further. The needle was in the hands of an independent expert who would carry out a scientific examination for the family, he said.

Mr Hickman said he had been unable to instruct the expert formally because last week the Legal Aid Board refused an application he made on the baby's behalf. An appeal against that decision is to be made in Truro in a few days.

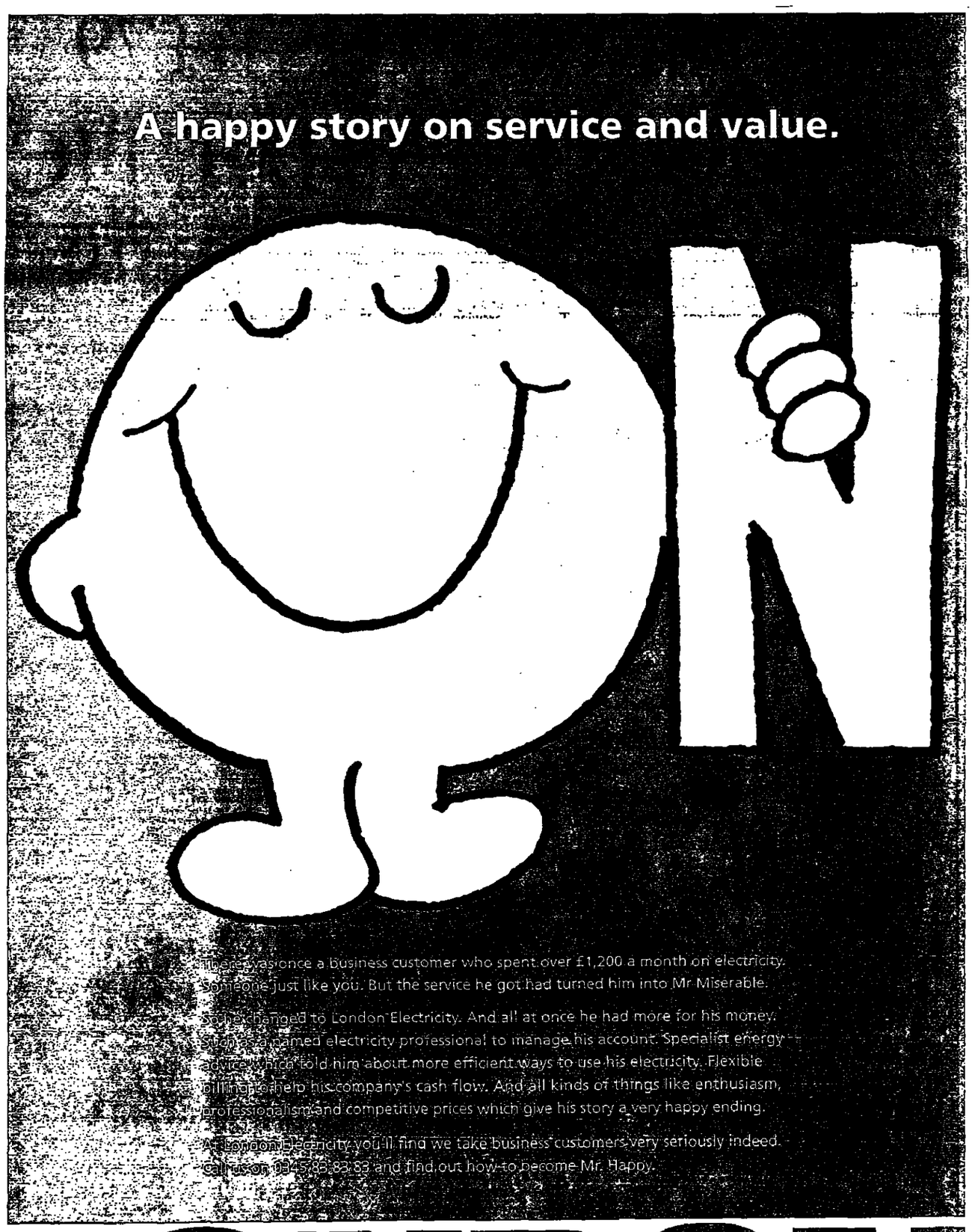
Mrs Jones, 24, said that she had found the 1½in needle in the skin of baby Benjamin's back as she changed a nappy. Her husband, an air traffic controller at Royal Naval Air Station, Culdrose, pulled it out.

Benjamin was born six week prematurely on Christmas Day at Treliske Hospital. Ten days later the hospital carried out blood, lumbar puncture and swab tests. The next day a lump was spotted about one inch to the right of his navel. X-rays and ultrasound tests were carried out but no treatment given.

It was a week later that Mrs Jones says she saw the needle appearing. She believes that it had somehow travelled from Benjamin's stomach to his back. Although Benjamin appeared unharmed, the parents were concerned that he might have contracted an infection from the needle.

Dr Neil Marlow, a consultant in child health from Bristol Maternity Hospital, and Mrs Trudi Cameron, quality co-ordinator of neonatal services at Nottingham City Hospital, have been appointed by the trust to hold an independent inquiry.


Andrea and Steve Jones, who say they found a 1½in needle in their baby



Families of Lockerbie victims angered by 'flagrant breach of promises' to tighten security

Anti-terrorism measures at airports to be axed

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

CUTS in government anti-terrorism inspections at the Channel Tunnel and at international airports provoked an angry response yesterday from families of the Lockerbie bomb victims.

The Department of Transport confirmed yesterday that nearly a third of the staff attached to Transec, an anti-terrorist inspectorate set up after the Lockerbie disaster, are to go as part of an efficiency drive.

The cuts were revealed in a leaked memorandum written by Harry Ditmas, who was appointed chief inspector of transport security by Margaret Thatcher after he had retired from a senior intelligence post.

The reductions in staff, which will also affect the security inspections at British ports, were criticised by Jim Swire, spokesman for the families of the Lockerbie victims, whose daughter Flora was killed in the bombing. He said: "I am as angry as I can be about this. I feel betrayed."

Transec was formed in October 1991 after the 1990 Aviation and Maritime Security Act was passed, which was drawn up in response to the lessons learnt from the Lockerbie disaster in 1988.

Dr Swire described the cuts as an "an insult to the memory of those who died" and gave warning that they would significantly increase the risk of another tragedy. "They are in flagrant breach of promises made by a succession of secretaries of state," he said.

The memorandum from Mr Ditmus informed Transec staff that 34 jobs out of 120 would have to go by early 1996 to achieve 30 per cent "efficiency gains". Three out of five teams who make checks at airports will be axed.

The leaked document said that Brian Mawhinney, the Transport Secretary, approved the cuts on January 26.

However, last year the Cabinet Office carried out a comprehensive review of security, after the announcement of the IRA ceasefire and the perceived reduction in the terrorist threat, and advised all



Swire: "As angry as I can be about this"

relevant departments to examine their security budgets.

Since then, other Government departments have been engaged in security reviews and further cuts are expected. The Foreign Office is already involved in changing security requirements at embassies abroad now that the IRA ceasefire has lasted more than five months.

A spokesman for the Foreign Office, confirming an internal study, said: "There are areas where cuts in staff and costs are being made but within the constraints posed by security concerns."

Although the reassessment of the terrorist threat is linked to the IRA ceasefire, the Government's intelligence advisers are aware that any breakdown in the negotiations on the Downing Street declaration could lead to a renewal of violence.

Security sources said that the extreme hardliners in the IRA hierarchy still seemed prepared to accept the peace option as the way forward. However, if they became convinced that their peace negotiators, led by Martin McGuinness and Gerard Kelly, would fail to achieve the concessions they wanted, they might resort to violence again.

Viscount Goschen, the minister responsible for aviation and shipping, put out a statement emphasising that the efficiency gains "do not involve security staff, but civil servants". The Department of Transport said that "security on the ground" remained the responsibility of the individual



Leaked memo discloses that inspection of security arrangements at international airports is to be reduced

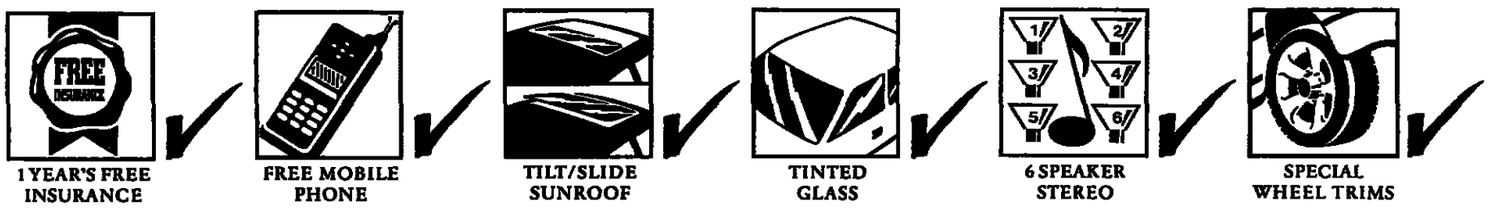
transport authorities. Transec, which is charged with monitoring the security measures carried out by ports and airports, was staffed by civil servants.

Lord Goschen said: "We remain committed to ensuring that the highest security standards are in place across the transport industry."

Joan Walley, Labour's transport spokeswoman, said her party would press the Government to reverse the cuts. Michael Meacher, Shadow Transport Secretary, yesterday accused Dr Mawhinney of breaking his word about security at the Channel Tunnel and said he would be raising questions in the Commons today. He said: "These cuts represent a dangerously false economy and will undermine public confidence. Security should not be subject to the vagaries of public expenditure cuts."

He said that although the terrorist threat in Northern Ireland had abated, international terrorism could flare up at any time and security provisions had to be rigorously maintained.

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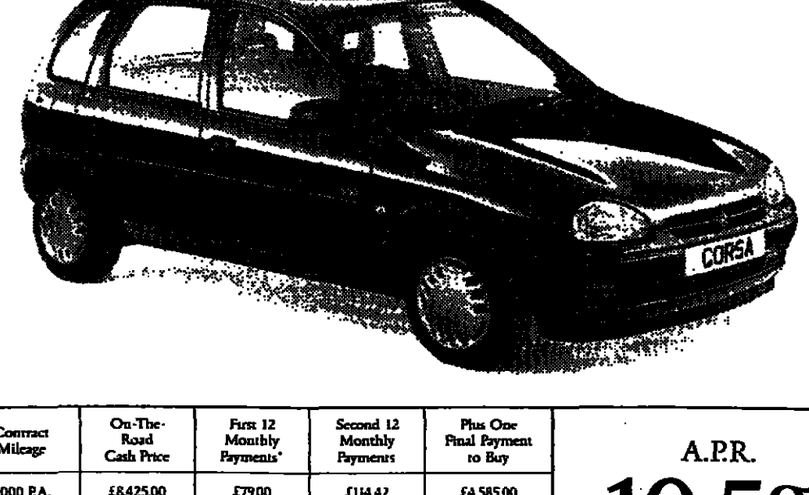
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Police seek evidence of need for change

BY STEWART TENDLER

A POLICE inquiry into the spread of organised crime and the creation of a British FBI is expected to report within weeks.

The investigation by Bill Taylor, Commissioner of the City of London Police and chairman of the Association of Chief Police Officers' crime committee, could prove crucial to the shape of future detective work and the growing debate about new work for MI5.

Mr Taylor has spent the past three months taking soundings from officers across the country on the extent of serious and organised crime in their areas. Police and other agencies are also being asked how current detective teams, including the nine regional crime squads and the national criminal intelligence service, are coping.

Chief constables last autumn asked Mr Taylor to "consider the current extent and nature and future trends of international, national and interforce crime affecting the UK and to consider whether there is evidence of any need for change".

Impact of street patrols to be studied

BY STEWART TENDLE

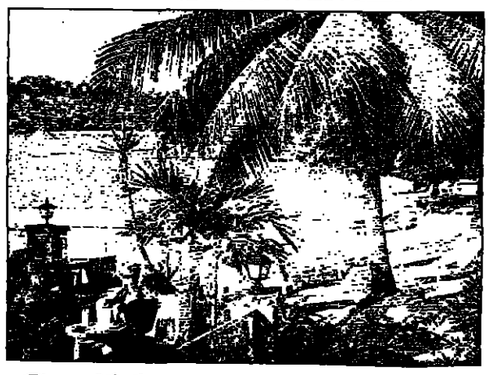
POLICE car and foot patrols are to be investigated by national efficiency experts to see if they could do their job better. The first national study of the bobby on the beat is to be launched by the Audit Commission this spring.

Similar research of other police work has led to reforms in the Criminal Investigation Department, paperwork, budgeting and evidence gathering. The findings will be ready in about a year.

Foot and car patrols by 25,000 officers in England and Wales account for 20 per cent of all police work and cost £1.13 billion a year. But some question the value of the work, despite public and political support for a regular police presence on the streets.

Critics say that a policeman on patrol is likely to arrest a burglar only once in 40 years. They say his time could be better spent on more specific duties. Researchers will consider ways in which civilian patrols, such as security guards funded by local authorities and residents, might be used to reduce demands on police.

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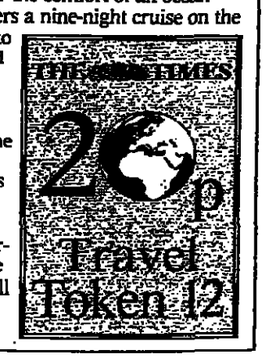
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'It was not a sin to take the works. It was a sin not to show them to the people'

Art stolen by Russians resurfaces 50 years on

BY DALYA ALBERGE, ARTS CORRESPONDENT

DESCENDANTS of a wealthy German industrialist are expected to make a claim on an art collection confiscated from his estate in 1945 by Soviet troops as compensation for Hitler's mass destruction of their cultural heritage. The disputed works are among masterpieces that have been hidden away for half a century in the Hermitage, St Petersburg.

Most came from the collection of Otto Krebs, a businessman from Mannheim. Several members of his family are living in France and Germany, James Roundell, head of Christie's Impressionist department, said. They would "no doubt be interested" to see the works and relevant documentation.

Professor Mikhail Piotrovski, director of the Hermitage, said that little was known about Mr Krebs. It seems that he was not an active Nazi, that he stopped collecting before they came to power, and that he died of cancer in 1941. His art collection was found in a saferoom when Vasily Chuikov, a Soviet general, requisitioned Mr Krebs's estate near Weimar as his regional command headquarters.

Among the works found there were Cézanne's *Bathers*, 1890-91, and Picasso's *Absinthe*, 1901. Although Cézanne painted almost 200 variants on the theme of bathers, this study is particularly unusual in showing male rather than female subjects.

From its photograph, Dr John House, a scholar of 19th-century French art at the Courtauld Institute, described the work as "a very splendid" example: "There are other variants on the composition, but it's wonderful to have it back. Clearly it adds to our knowledge of the sequence of pictures."

Looking at a photograph of Picasso's *Absinthe*, a work in charcoal, chalk and gouache, Mr Roundell spoke of the excitement of seeing a work that had been lost to public view for some 50 years coming back into the public domain. It is a signed early work whose style predates the Blue period: as Mr Roundell put it, the image is obviously a Picasso of 1901, "still loose and expressionistic".

It relates to other works on similar themes, including a major work in the Hermitage. Professor Piotrovski pointed out that it reflects the inspiration of Toulouse-Lautrec's café scenes on Picasso, who was then a young artist, newly arrived in Paris and absorbing its bohemian lifestyle.

Willi Korte, who specialises in recovering Second World War art losses, said that if these and other works from the Krebs collection were to come to auction, they would fetch a billion dollars. "After all, there are five Cézannes, two Courbets, three Degas, four Gauguins, four Van Goghs, two Manets, four Monets ..." He said that any claims will be complicated by the fact that Mr Krebs left more than half his art collection to a foundation devoted to cancer and scarlet fever research.

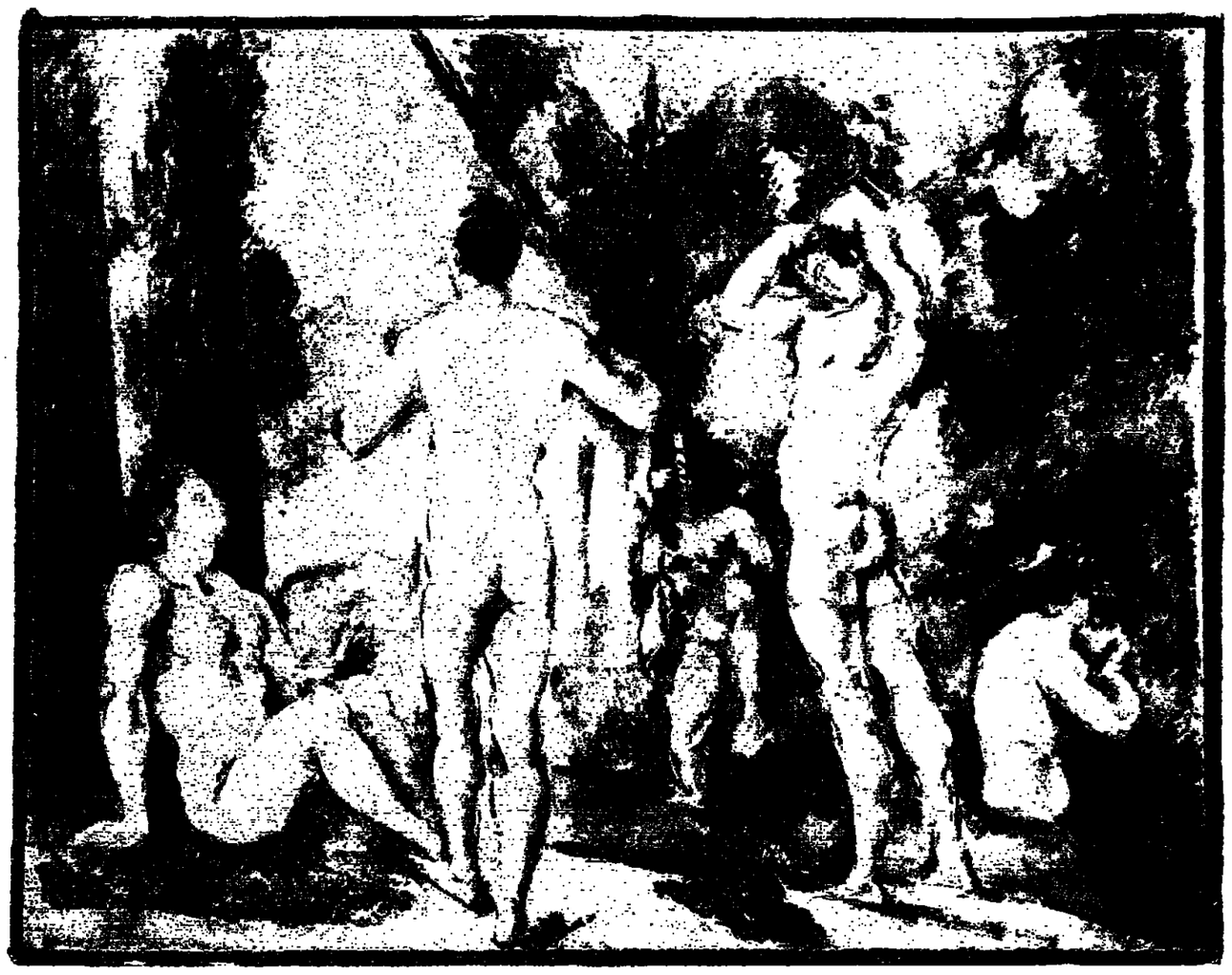
Asked about possible claims on these and other works, Professor Piotrovski, co-chairman of a negotiating commission of five German and five Russian museum directors, said: "We are a museum. These works are not in our collection. We are keeping them for the government. Any claims go to them. I have no authority to take decisions on claims or to negotiate." But, he added: "The first step is to show what we have, to show the works and make people speak about the art not about 'symbols' in an emotional and hysterical way. We should enjoy the art. Art first, property afterwards."

He said that most Russians see the war booty as compensation for the destruction inflicted on their cultural heritage. Between 1941 and 1944, not content with taking the lives of 20 million Russians, the Nazis sought to destroy their art: they plundered museums at Minsk, Kiev and Smolensk (taking hundreds of thousands of works of art back to Germany), vandalised palaces around St Petersburg and destroyed the frescoes of Novgorod. As Professor Piotrovski put it: "The Germans said the Slavs have no cultural heritage and that all must be destroyed. We think that, morally and psychologically, we have a right to compensation."

Yet he believes there is a new understanding in a changing climate. "The previous approach was to be silent. Now it is to discuss. It was not a sin to take the works out of Germany. It was a sin not to show them to the people."

Some 15 of the works will be published for the first time in *Vanity Fair* on Wednesday.

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Bathers by Cézanne, unusually depicting male subjects, which is to be featured in an article on the Hermitage art in *Vanity Fair*



Piotrovsky: "We have a right to compensation"

Americans offered part of Edgehill battlefield

BY JOHN YOUNG

PART of the site of the Civil War battle of Edgehill is being offered for sale in an American magazine. An advertisment has been placed in *Robb Report*, a publication aimed at wealthy Americans, offering the eight-acre site as a whole or smaller lots.

It was claimed that the owner, a Mr McKay, had decided to sell the land after he had been refused planning permission to build on it. Much of the battlefield is owned by the Ministry of Defence and guarded by fences surrounding the largest ordnance depot in Britain. The rest is mainly farmland, partly owned by English Heritage.

Edgehill was the first serious engagement of the Civil War. On October 23, 1642, King Charles I's army, marching from Nottingham towards London, was intercepted at the foot of an escarpment between Stratford-upon-Avon and Banbury by the Parliamentary army under the command of the Earl of Essex.

The Royalists had slightly the better of the engagement, but at the end of the day more than 3,000 men were dead or wounded, Essex withdrew and, with winter advancing, the king decided to divert his troops to Oxford rather than continue towards the capital.

Ian Dickie, of the Battlefields Trust, which is campaigning for the statutory protection of Britain's historic battlefields, said yesterday that it was particularly interested in the Edgehill site, where it planned to build a visitor centre and to open footpaths for public access. It had applied for money from the new Heritage Lottery Fund, which is financed by proceeds from the National Lottery. "I am not sure that I am very happy about even a part of this historic site being sold abroad," Mr Dickie said.

Last September English Heritage issued a proposed register of 41 battlefields, including Edgehill, on which it would like to see a presumption against further development. It is due to publish a definitive register this year.

Stratford-on-Avon District Council said yesterday that it was not aware of any application by a Mr McKay. It had, however, promised support for a new museum and interpretative centre.

John Blann, landlord of the nearby Castle Inn, said yesterday that he had never heard of Mr McKay. Some of the battlefield site was owned by the local Starkey family and by his landlords, the Hook Norton brewery, and "bits and pieces" changed hands from time to time.

Tree that produced first Bramley is apple of villager's eye

BY MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE tree that produced the first Bramley apple is still bearing fruit more than 180 years after it was planted. For the past three decades Nancy Harrison, who lives in the village of Southwell, Nottinghamshire, in the house where she was born 74 years ago, has been the guardian of this remarkable piece of horticultural history, which draws visitors from all over the world.

"Even as a small girl I knew that the old tree at No 73 was something special," she said yesterday. "About 30 years ago I was able to buy the garden and the derelict cottage that went with it for £500 and I have been looking after the tree ever since.

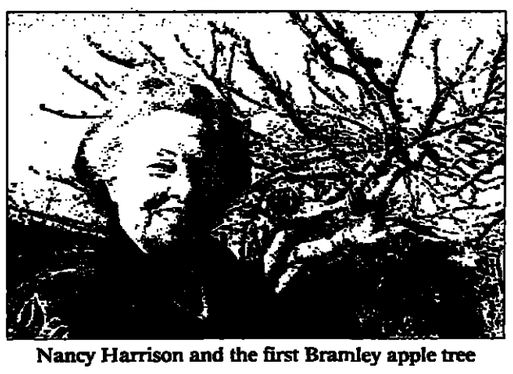
"A storm blew the tree down just before the end of the last century so that the original trunk lies horizontal on the ground. But a secondary trunk grew from the old one and is still producing huge apples that weigh up to 1½lb each."

The original Bramley tree is thought to have grown from apple pips planted in 1809 by Mary-Ann Brailsford, the young daughter of the family then living at No 73. She had been watching her mother preparing apples in the kitchen and took the pips from one of them. After her parents died Mary-Ann and her sister continued to live in the house until they sold it in 1838, unaware of the immortality that might have been theirs. In 1846 the house was bought by Matthew Bramley, a local innkeeper and butcher.

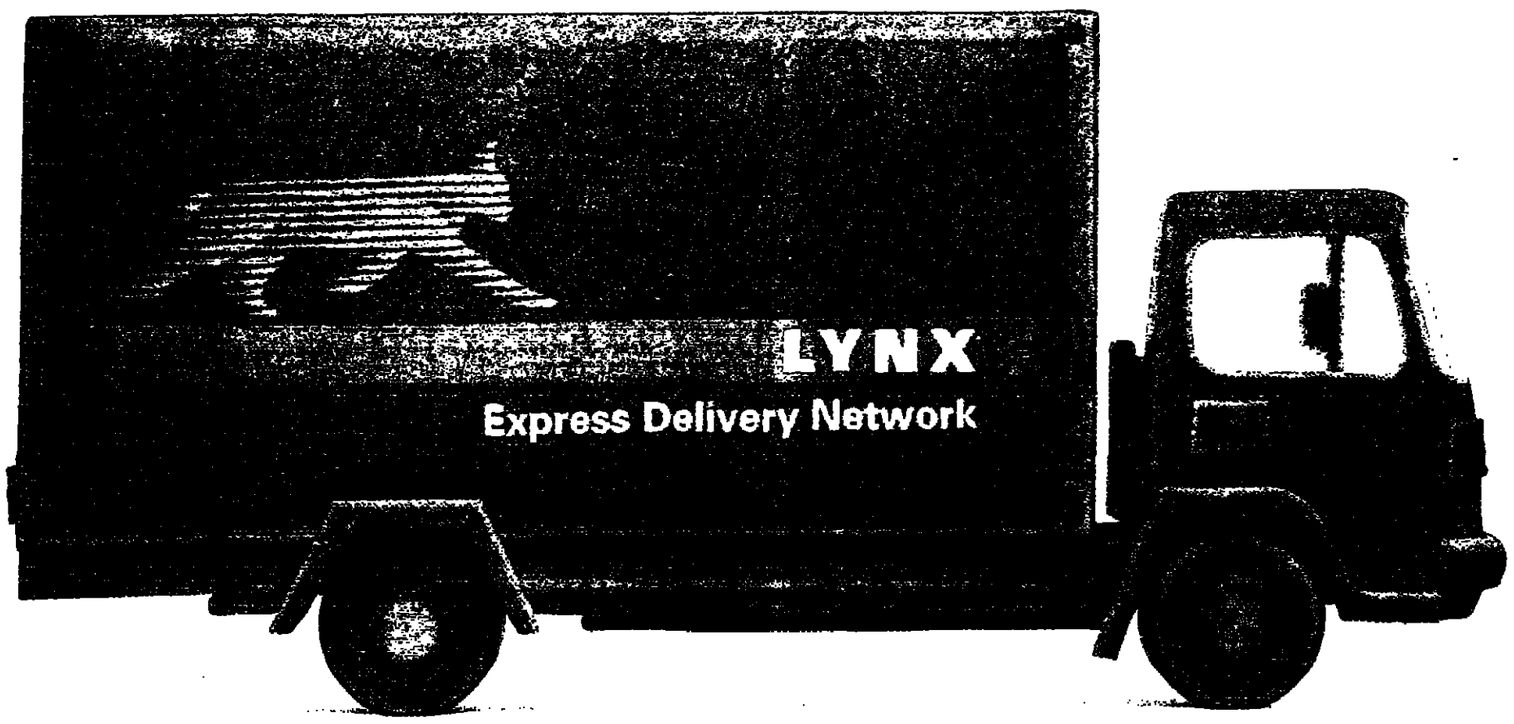
In 1856 Henry Merryweather, a local nurseryman, struck by the size and quality of Mr Bramley's apples, asked permission to grow stock from grafts taken from the tree and to market the fruit. Mr Bramley agreed on condition that the apple should bear his name. The fruit was sold for the first time in 1862 and in 1876 the variety was formally recognised by the Royal Horticultural Society as Bramley's Seedling.

Now run by Roger Merryweather, Henry's great-grandson, the family nursery in Southwell is still going strong. Since 1990 it has been the site of the Bramley Museum, created by the Bramley Campaign Group, a grower-funded promotional body which today launches the third National Bramley Apple week.

Trees descended from that venerable original will this year produce about 130,000 tonnes of Bramleys. But where did those first seeds planted by Miss Brailsford come from? "We will never know the precise origin of the Bramley apple," Mr Merryweather said. "Almost certainly it was the happy result of natural cross-pollination of two of the many apple trees growing in Southwell at the end of the 18th century."



Nancy Harrison and the first Bramley apple tree



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Russian officials fear that ice particles from fuel thruster could damage equipment

Shuttle leak puts in doubt link-up with Mir station

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

A SPRAY of fuel leaking from a rocket thruster on the space shuttle *Discovery* could threaten today's rendezvous with the Russian Mir space station. Two leaks have been detected since Friday's launch and Russian officials are concerned that the fuel emerging from the thrusters and turning into ice particles could damage Mir.

Discovery's crew yesterday reported that they had stanched one leak from a thruster at the front, probably caused by frozen fuel preventing a valve from closing, and reduced another, from a thruster at the right rear of Discovery, but that seepage could still present a problem.

Mission controllers will not want to curtail the approach to Mir, an essential rehearsal for a planned docking with the Russian space station in June, but may have no option.

James Wetherbee, *Discovery's* commander, described the leak as looking like "a very slow snowstorm" for most of the time, but erupting every 20 to 30 seconds "like a geyser, with its finer particles moving at a higher velocity".

The propellant, nitrogen tetroxide, is held in a tank containing 2,000lb of fuel, and the leak was yesterday down to about 8oz an hour. The thrusters operate when valves are opened to allow the fuel to expand and escape through nozzles arranged at different angles. In total, the shuttle has 38 such nozzles, which are used to control its orientation in space.

The rate of loss does not presage a shortage of fuel, but the fear is that the fine frozen particle might damage Mir. The sequence of thruster firings as the shuttle approaches Mir was agreed in advance by American and Russian officials to ensure the space station is not sprayed with propellant.

Randy Stone, the mission operations director, said that Nasa would do whatever the Russians want. In the worst case, the *Discovery* and its crew of six will have to fly around Mir from a distance of about 400ft, he said, rather than approaching to within 35ft, as practice for the first shuttle-*Mir* docking.

Liquid propellant turns into ice when it encounters the vacuum of space, and the small particles typically do not attach to anything, Mr Stone said. The leak poses no safety hazard to the shuttle or crew and does not affect flight duration. "We have a relative degree of comfort that the contamination would not be an issue if we were on the other side of the fence. But we have got to arrive at that conclusion together before we would make the commitment to go close," Mr Stone said.

The failed thruster is on the right, upper side of the shuttle at the rear. If it is shut off it would disable the other two jets in the same cluster, one of which is critical to the close approach to *Mir*. The crew managed to repair the front thruster by pointing the shuttle at the Sun, heating it up and melting the frozen fuel causing the valve blockage.



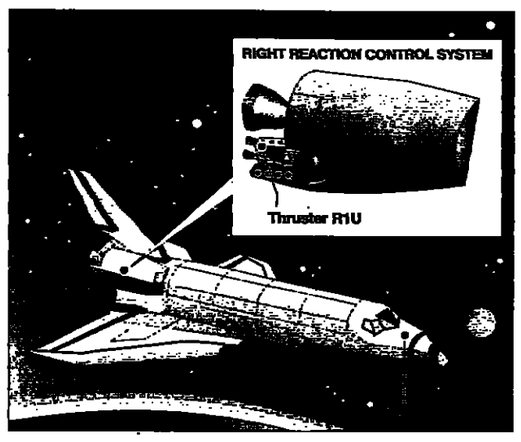
The Briton Michael Foale, top left, and the other crew members share a joke during an interview from space

Commander Wetherbee said that he would be disappointed if he could not close in all the way, and that much information would be lost involving navigation and shuttle-handling. "There are a lot of unknowns, uncertainties with a rendezvous like this," he said. If *Discovery* was limited to 400ft, "then we'll give them what we can".

The crew has so far conducted a series of experiments, including lifting a satellite with *Discovery's* 50ft robot arm and pointing it at the tail to study "shuttle glow" — an eerie light that appears around the shuttle's surfaces in space. Scientists hope to confirm a theory that the glow is caused by atoms of oxygen and nitrogen combining as the spaceship slams into them.

Discovery's pilot, Air Force Lieutenant-Colonel Eileen Collins, said: "No matter what we do, we will still be getting a lot of good information for that flight, in testing our navigation sensors, our communication, and our flying qualities." Colonel Collins, the first woman to pilot an American spaceship, said that Friday's lift-off was "really a kick". "Part of the launch that was really exciting for me was to have so many of the women pilots who flew back during World War Two come to see the launch and some of the women who tried to become astronauts back in the early 1960s," she said.

"Several told me they're going to be going with me and they want me to think about them while I'm up here. I certainly am."



Army puts its old warhorses out to grass

BY MICHAEL EVANS
DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE British Army's centuries-old tradition of riding horseback to battle formally ends today after a decision to put the 20 remaining operational horses out to grass.

Although cavalry charges on horseback were long ago replaced by armoured vehicles, the Army retained some operational horses for patrolling missions. The 20 horses that survived, despite faster and more efficient patrolling alternatives such as high-powered motorcycles, are attached to 160 Provost Company of the Royal Military Police Mounted Troop, at Aldershot, Hampshire.

The horse section of the Royal Military Police was formed in 1855. Although disbanded in 1939, the section was reformed in 1950. Now the 20 horses, all from Irish stock, are to be disbanded to save £500,000 a year. Two of them are still in training.

The horses of 160 Provost Company will ride through Aldershot for the last time today before the unit is officially disbanded on April 1. The troops will be transferred to other duties, while the horses will be put out to grass at the military animal centre at Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire.

Horses played vital roles in British military victories and were used in the Second World War for transport. Their use has been increasingly limited to ceremonial duties as tracked and four-wheel drive vehicles have taken their place.

Officers have been fighting to save the troop, which has been using the horses to patrol gunnery ranges and other areas with difficult terrain. They argued that horses were better than vehicles.

But a spokeswoman for the Ministry of Defence said that patrolling in difficult terrain could be done more effectively and more cheaply by motorcycles. The horses tended to be used as part of display teams, she said.

The last operational horses distinguished themselves at the Royal Tournament in 1993 when they won the "skill at arms" competition.

Cavalry charges on horseback took place in the First World War but against entrenched lines of enemy troops armed with machine-guns and rifles, they were regarded as suicidal. The use of horses in such operations was soon abandoned in favour of armoured vehicles. By the 1950s, there were no horse-mounted cavalry units in the Army.

The most famous use of horses on the battlefield was during the charge of the Light Brigade in the Crimean War, under Lord Cardigan, when the British horses and their riders were cut down by the heavy guns of the Russian forces.



Cardigan: led Light Brigade at Balaclava

Supermarket checkout assistants approach their sell-by date

BY ROBIN YOUNG

SUPERMARKETS are planning to abolish the checkout counter. With it would go many shop assistants' jobs, but also queues and customers' worries of being overcharged.

Stores in The Netherlands, Scandinavia and the United States are testing do-it-yourself scanning systems in which customers use hand-held laser scanners and automated trolleys. The systems are being appraised by the leading British supermarket chains and are likely to be introduced here within two years. Professor Gary Davies of the International Centre for Retail Studies in Manchester has estimated that eventually the technology could cut retailing jobs by two thirds.

In the Geldermaisen store of Albert Heijn, the largest Dutch supermarket chain, shoppers attach hand-held scanners to their trolleys and electronically read the bar-codes on the goods they choose. When shopping is complete, a bill is printed out which the customer takes to a cashier. Heijn claims the system, introduced at Geldermaisen in 1993, has increased sales and improved the accuracy of pricing. It is being introduced to the company's 500 other Dutch stores and to a chain the company owns in Ohio.

Although self-scanning involves extra work for customers, it means that they can check each item's price and keep a running total. It eliminates the need to unload items on to the checkout conveyor belt and to put them back into the trolley after payment. At Albert Heijn, trolleys are randomly checked to ensure that contents match the items listed on the bill. To make customers aware of the checks, they have to register as members of a club before using the scanners and to agree to the terms.

Other research has gone into automating checkout conveyor belts so that customers can scan their goods. Such systems are expected to become common throughout Europe within five years, particularly at express checkouts for scanning a few items.

Uniquest, supplier of software systems and services, has designed one checkout for US stores in which goods travel through an archway where they are measured and weighed. If this information does not tally with the scanned bar-codes, the item is rejected. Uniquest has included a swipe-card facility so that goods can be paid for electronically.

Self-scanning checkouts have proved popular in America with elderly people. "They are convinced that the cashiers fiddle them," Geoff Beckett of Uniquest said.

The British Technology Group has helped to develop a system in which each item is labelled with an electronic tag emitting a signal. The filled trolley is pushed through a gate similar to an airport X-ray machine that reads each signal and identifies all the items in seconds.

☐ Shoppers will spend a third of their cash in out-of-town stores within four years, according to a report by the retail analyst Verdict. It predicts that such developments will grow despite government attempts to revive shopping in the traditional high street.

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Highsmith: 20 novels

Patricia Highsmith dies at 74

BY ALAN HAMILTON

THE American-born thriller writer Patricia Highsmith, once described by Graham Greene as the poet of apprehension, has died in hospital near her home in Switzerland, aged 74. The cause of death is not yet known.

Highsmith, who never married, wrote 20 novels, several short story collections and created the charming psychopath Tom Ripley. Her last book, *Ripley Under Water*, was published in 1991.

She achieved major success with her first novel, *Strangers On A Train*, written in 1950 and made into a film directed by Alfred Hitchcock.

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Gummer blocks gypsy site permit

BY IAN MURRAY, COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

JOHN GUMMER has halted council permission for 22 gypsy families to live on a field that they own in the Surrey stockbroker belt.

The Environment Secretary has ordered a sixth planning inquiry. He intervened after Waverley Borough Council decided that after 12 years on the six-acre site they had won the right to stay.

It is rare for plans involving such a small development to be sent to inquiry by the ministry, but the case will set the standard for control of gypsy encampments and will test the powers of the Criminal Justice Act. Under the Act councils are no longer required to provide sites and can have gypsies evicted but it also says that gypsies should be treated humanely and encouraged to buy their own sites.

Mr Gummer will personally decide whether to grant the gypsies planning permission after an inquiry this summer which will cost local taxpayers many thousands of pounds. Both objectors and gypsies are threatening to take the case to the European Court of Human Rights. Virginia Bottomley, the Health Secretary and local MP, is being pressed by both sides to help.

In 1982 the gypsies bought a copse with money left by one of their group. Jane Mitchell, 55, said: "Life was getting hard by the side of the road." The copse, which they cleared, was next to two approved gypsy encampments on Stovolds Hill, near Cranleigh, an area of outstanding natural beauty.

Waverley Borough Council ordered the gypsies to leave. Five times they fought and lost planning inquiries. Twice they have been fined for disobeying court orders to leave. Once they were ordered to pay all the costs of a planning inquiry. "We were illegal when we came here but I think we have paid a thousand times over for our crime," Mrs Mitchell said.

Waverley council and Surrey County Council intend to back the planning application at the inquiry and say that if the gypsies are evicted they will camp illegally elsewhere and the battle will start again. Objectors say the rule of law is at stake.

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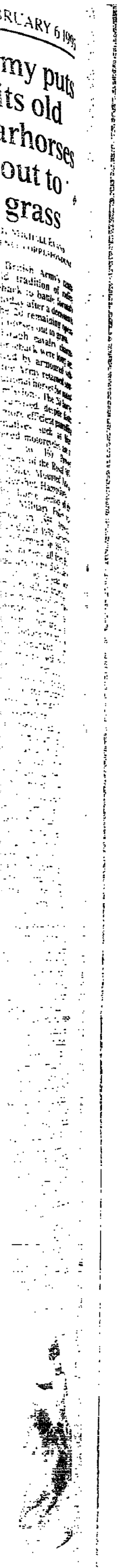
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Courthouse reopens for West case in Cotswolds

BY A STAFF REPORTER

COMMITTAL proceedings against Rosemary West, the Gloucester housewife accused of ten murders, begin today. The case has drawn worldwide media attention, and lawyers acting for Mrs West are concerned to ensure that reports of the hearing – which are subject to restrictions in Britain but not abroad – are within the law.

Only a dozen places for members of the press are available in the small courtroom at Dursley Magistrates' Court in the Cotswolds. Proceedings will be relayed to other newspaper reporters, radio and television staff by audio link.

Reuters, the international news agency, which has a reserved seat on the press bench, will be providing a short report which complies with the reporting restrictions for the British media, and a fuller version for its foreign market.

Among those Mrs West is accused of murdering are her daughter Heather, 16, and step-daughter Charmaine, 8. Her husband Frederick West, a builder, who had faced 12 murder charges, was found hanged in his prison cell at Winson Green, Birmingham, on New Year's Day.

The remains of nine of Mrs West's alleged victims were recovered by police who dug up the cellar of her house and the garden at 25 Cromwell Street, Gloucester.

She also is charged, jointly with named men, with two separate counts of rape involving one girl, and of assaulting an eight-year-old boy.

The court has been refurbished at a cost of £17,000 to cater for the hearing. New carpets have been laid, new locks fitted and a sound system links the main courtroom to adjoining overflow rooms. The building was mothballed about two years ago as an increasing number of cases were being heard at more modern premises in Stroud. However, it was pressed into service for Mrs West's committal hearing to prevent Stroud and Gloucester Magistrates' Courts being clogged by international media.

Chief Metropolitan Stipendiary Peter Badge will preside at the hearing, which is expected to last a week. He has to decide whether the prosecution has established that there is a case against Mrs West that she should answer at a Crown Court trial.

Off-duty, Mr Badge is chairman of the Coracle Society, an organisation devoted to keeping alive the ancient art of making and paddling the craft. He also owns what is believed to be the world's largest collection of coracles.

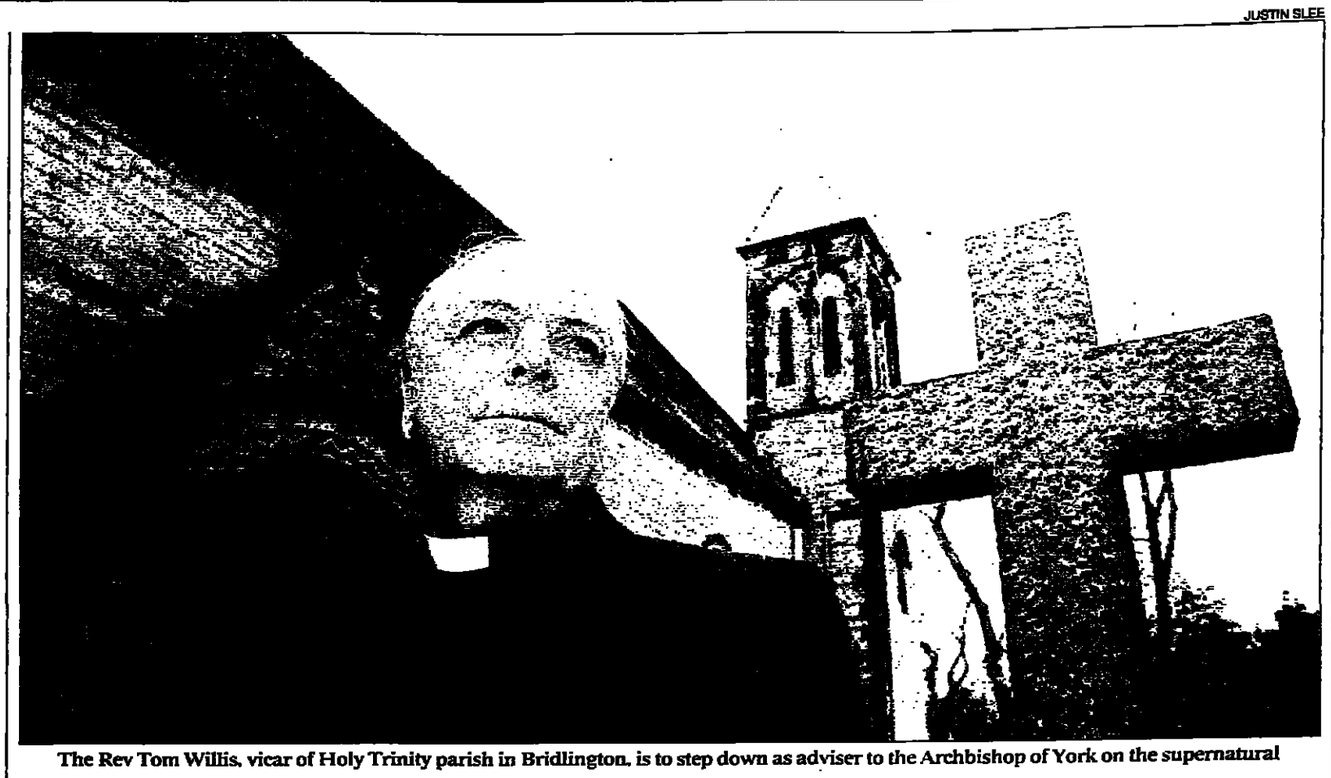
The Crown's legal team is headed by Neil Butterfield, QC, a leading barrister on the western circuit, with junior Andrew Chubb. Sasha Wass, a junior counsel, will lead the defence case. Legal aid rules mean that her leader, Richard Ferguson QC, will not be present, although he has been supervising the case. It is expected that much of the evidence will be handed in a file to Mr Badge, the examining magistrate, and that only a handful of witnesses will be called to give evidence and be cross-examined.

The extensive playing fields of nearby Rednock Comprehensive School will be used as a car park, with journalists being charged £20 per vehicle per day, which will go to the school's funds. Small hotels and restuarants in the town are already reporting a boom in business.



Dursley Magistrates' Court, refurbished for the committal proceedings after two years out of use

JUSTIN SLEE



The Rev Tom Willis, vicar of Holy Trinity parish in Bridlington, is to step down as adviser to the Archbishop of York on the supernatural

Exorcist vicar relinquishes bell, book and candle

ONE of the church's leading exorcists is to step down after 30 years. The Rev Tom Willis, who is adviser to the Archbishop of York on the supernatural, will hold a seminar later this month to show others how to continue the fight against the Devil (Paul Wilkinson writes).

"It will basically be a case of me passing my knowledge on to people less experienced in the occult," Mr Willis, 64, said. "It will be a training exercise for them to look at the kind of phenomena people complain to the clergy about."

About 30 clergy are expected at the conference in Scarborough, North Yorkshire. "I teach them how to cope with everything from hauntings by poltergeists to the effects of messing with tarot cards and ouija boards. I will show them how to expel evil spirits or how to help someone to come to terms with a visit from an apparition."

Mr Willis's interest in the supernatural was a hobby until, in the mid-1970s, he was asked by the Most Rev Donald Coggan, then Archbishop of York, to be his official adviser. "They say one in ten people is expected to see an apparition," Mr Willis said. He has dealt with up to 50 calls a year, "from poltergeists in factory canteens to haunted mansions".

Probably his most celebrated case of exorcism, in which the Church's traditional instruments are bell, book and candle, was in 1987. He exorcised a trawler at Bridlington, Humberside, where he is vicar of Holy Trinity parish. The DHSS asked him to act after it got tired of paying benefits to a crew too frightened to go to sea.

Bar chief attacks media myth of greedy lawyers

BY FRANCES GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE chairman of the Bar has criticised the idea, which he says is perpetrated by the media, that lawyers are greedy and overpaid. He was responding to reports last week of the predicted £10 million in legal aid and court costs for the trial of the Maxwell brothers.

Peter Goldsmith, QC, said in a speech at Durham University at the weekend: "The media myth of greedy lawyers is an easy story for the press to run. The reality is, of course, very different."

The legal aid cases, which were the bread and butter of the average practitioner at the criminal Bar, arguing a case before a jury in court, were based on an average rate of about £30 an hour, he said.

Last week lawyers working for the Maxwell brothers were quoted as being on enhanced legal aid rates because of the complexity of the work. Legal aid lawyers say the rates could be anything from £100 to £200 an hour.

Mr Goldsmith said that from the average payment in criminal legal aid cases of £30 an hour had to come tax, national insurance and all the other overheads "faced by any other self-employed person". He added: "This rate has, in addition, been frozen for three years."

Last week Mr Goldsmith told *The Times* that some of the comment in the press seemed to imply that "lawyers should do legal aid work for nothing". He said at the weekend: "The justice system is critical to the health of our nation. We should consider criticism seriously, and not cease to look for improvements. But the fact is that independent surveys show that, of those with recent experience of the law and lawyers, over 70 per cent said that experience was good or very good."

Long fraud trials posed a dilemma for ministers and there were reforms that the Government should look at, Mr Goldsmith said.

☐ The minister responsible for the police yesterday ruled out privatising national computerised criminal records. David Maclean said the records, giving details of the criminal histories of 3 million citizens, would always remain under government control.

Fears that the Government might sell off the police national computer, holding records of criminal convictions, have arisen as the Home Office prepares plans to co-ordinate and streamline individual forces' computer networks.

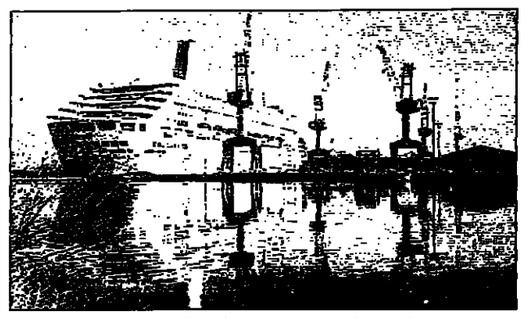
Women barristers complain of bias

MOST young women barristers believe sexual harassment or discrimination is widespread at the Bar with 40 per cent claiming experience of it, according to a Sheffield University survey published today (Frances Gibb writes).

A majority also thought sexual discrimination was not only prevalent but that it had taken "concrete form". One in four thought racial discrimination was a big problem.

The report, commissioned by the Council of Legal Education, comes after the first finding of sexual harassment at the Bar last week by the Inns of Court disciplinary tribunal. Nigel Hamilton, QC, was suspended for three months after being found guilty of harassing a client he was defending and a solicitor's clerk.

According to the report, 5 per cent of young women barristers had experienced serious problems of sexual harassment, with a further 35 per cent reporting minor harassment. The findings, researchers say, indicate "a worryingly high level of experiences of sexual harassment".



The *Oriana* on the river Ems, northern Germany

P&O's leviathan prepares to wake

BY TIM JONES

STANDING like a great white wall on the plains of northern Germany, the *Oriana*, Britain's latest liner, is almost ready to slip her moorings and crawl towards the open sea.

At 69,153 tons, about the same size as the *QE2*, P & O's mighty new liner has already become a tourist sight, attracting thousands of weekend visitors to her berth at the Meyer Werft shipyard in Papenburg. Far more are expected to line the river Ems later this month when she begins her journey to the North Sea almost 30 miles away. Although the river has been dredged, her master, Captain Ian Gibb, will need all his skills to squeeze her past the narrow banks.

The *Oriana*, the fastest passenger liner to be built for 25 years, with an operating speed of 24 knots, will then undergo sea trials before the final buff and polish at her home port of Southampton, where in April she will be named by the Queen.

While the *Oriana* is the first superliner to be custom-built for the British cruise market and will sail under the Red Ensign, no tenders for her construction were received from United Kingdom yards. David Dingle, P & O cruises marketing director, said she would be very different in style to the ships that cruise the Caribbean and cater for the huge American market. "She will be more wood and brass rather than marble and chrome."

The *Oriana's* maiden cruise in the Atlantic leaves Southampton on April 9, with fares for the 14 nights starting at £1,499.

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Rival championships

During September and October, Garry Kasparov will defend his Professional Chess Association world championship title in Cologne, Germany. Meanwhile, the rival Fide world Championship (semi-final stage) gets under way this week in Sanghi Nagar, India. Karpov is the favourite in his match against Gelfand and previous games have left him with a substantial plus score against his Belarussian opponent. Here is one example.

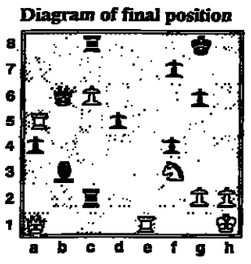
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40	Qd2	Bc4
41	Qxb4	Qxf4
42	Qc3	Re8
43	Rd1	Re3
44	Qc1	Qe4
45	Qa1	Rc8
46	Re5	Ra3
47	Qb1	Qe3+
48	Kh1	Rxa2
49	Nf3	Bb3
50	Qc1	f4
51	Re1	Rc2
52	Qa1	Qb6

White resigns

Diagram of final position



Winning Move, page 44

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This was a decision which fell to the West players in the 1995 Macallan Pairs. They held:

♠109732 ♥52 ♦10652 ♣109

At favourable vulnerability, partner opens One Heart. Would you try a response? In my experience partner always seems to continue with 2NT if you bid, and you go off when there is nothing on for the opponents. However, it can happen that bidding silences the opponents, particularly when they both have balanced hands of up to 14 points.

The Dutch liqueur company Bols has an annual competition for a bridge tip, and Mark Horton's entry this year ("Don't be afraid to respond") is on precisely this point. No doubt he would approve of the action of the four players who responded One Spade to One Heart.

They found the opposition with the magic 25 points split between their hands. East-West played in Two Diamonds when their opponents could make at least 600 in 3NT. At tables where West passed, North was able to bid 1NT and North-South then got to 3NT. This was the full deal.

Dealer East. North-South game. IMPs

	♠AQJ ♥QJ7 ♦Q3 ♣J8764	
♠109732 ♥52 ♦10652 ♣109	N W E S	♠J5 ♥A10984 ♦AK94 ♣K5
	♠K84 ♥K63 ♦J87 ♣AQ32	

With the club suit coming in 3NT makes easily, even on the defence of leading three rounds of diamonds.

☐ From February 10-19 I will be playing in the Malta International Bridge Festival. The organisers claim here is a reasonable chance of good weather. For details contact M Dix (fax 010-356-373683) or Paula Clarke at Thomas Cook (0171-408 4151, fax 0171-408 4299). From March 9-19 I will be at the tournament in Crans-sur-Sierre, Switzerland.



Dame Judi: campaign

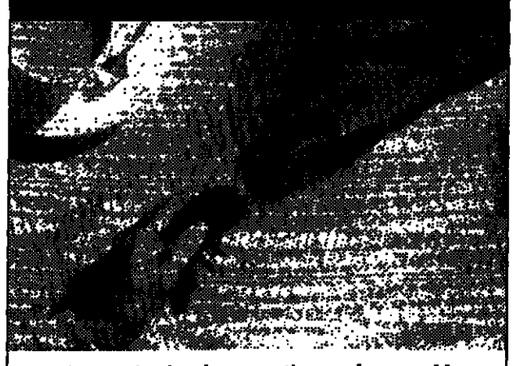
Dame Judi joins fight for Bart's

DAME JUDI DENCH today joined the campaign against the closure of the centuries-old St Bartholomew's Hospital. Plans to run down and shut Bart's in the next five years were "iniquitous", the actress said in a letter to the chairman of City and Hackney District Health Authority.

Dame Judi wants firms in the City and residents to write to the health authority urging that it keep the hospital open. "Bart's is Britain's leading teaching hospital and will be an enormous loss," she said.

Bart's casualty unit was closed ten days ago. The Government says patients are better served at other hospitals.

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Four boys expelled by Radley for drugs

Four schoolboys have been expelled from Radley College, Oxfordshire, for taking drugs, believed to include cannabis and Ecstasy. The two sixth-formers and two younger pupils were told to leave at the weekend. In 1992, ten sixth-formers were expelled for smoking cannabis. The £10,000-a-year public school, ranked 19th in a list of the top 200 private schools in Britain, was once tipped to be the choice of the Prince of Wales for his son Prince William.

Surgeon cleared

Margaret Ghilchik, a consultant surgeon suspended after a patient alleged that she performed an unnecessary mastectomy at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, west London, has been reinstated. An independent inquiry found there had been no error of clinical judgment.

Joyrider dies

A boy aged 15 driving a stolen car died when he crashed into a lamp-post at more than 60mph as he was being pursued by a police car. Roger Andrew's elder sister, Tanya, a passenger in the car, was slightly injured in the accident at Tilehurst, Reading, Berkshire, on Saturday.

Tourist killed

A British holidaymaker died after a snowmobile he was driving at 60mph across an ice-covered lake in northern Ontario crashed into the rocky shoreline. Michael Maughan, 20, of North Shields, Tyne and Wear, was taken to hospital by helicopter but died of his injuries.

Couple stabbed

A woman died and a man was injured after an attack in Macclesfield, Cheshire, early yesterday. The double stabbing "resulted from an ongoing neighbour dispute", police said. A 26-year-old man was arrested and was being held at Macclesfield police station.

Crossing death

A woman saw her 21-year-old daughter knocked down and killed by a train at a level crossing at Witham, Essex. The accident happened on Saturday as the Colchester to London train passed the Mott's Lane crossing. The dead woman was taken to a hospital at Chelmsford.

Growing old

Fifteen times as many Britons live to be 100 as did 40 years ago. In 1991 there were 4,390 centenarians. Nick Bosanquet, Professor of Health Studies at London University, told a conference on caring for the aged that by 2010 one person in 20 will be over 80; today it is one in 33.

Undercover raid

Thieves stole umbrellas worth £35,000 from the Swaine Adney factory at Great Chesterford, Essex, which supplies umbrellas to the Queen Mother, whips to the Queen and leather goods to the Prince of Wales. The umbrellas were recovered after a police chase by helicopter.

Body found

Police have launched a murder inquiry after a body was found in a shallow grave near the village of Headcorn, Kent. A post-mortem examination was carried out yesterday but the sex of the body or the cause of death has not been disclosed.

Bears for sale

A collection of over 800 teddy bears from the Cotswold Teddy Bear Museum at Broadway, Hereford and Worcester, which is to close after the retirement of its owners, will be auctioned by Bonhams in London on March 1. The sale is expected to raise £150,000.

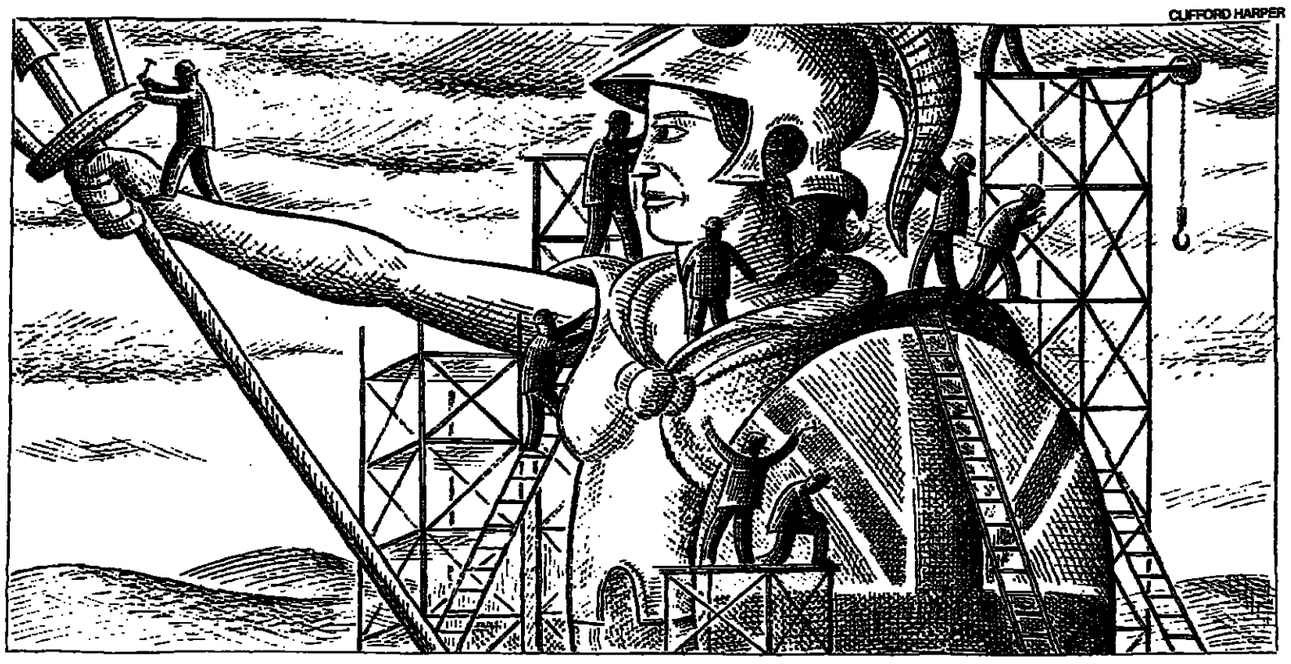
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'These images of the 1890s are transposed on to the 1990s by Hutton as if nothing had changed'

Old demonology leads only to unproven claims

*Professor David Marquand called Will Hutton's recent book The State We're In "the Big Idea for which the Labour Party has been groping". **Jonathan Clark** is unpersuaded by this critical vision*


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agenda

THERE is something rotten in the State. This is hardly an original perception, as *Hamlet* reminds us. It lies at the centre of the Opposition mentality and has created a powerful Labour Party in mid-1990s Britain. But is it only a negativist rejection of the record of former governments? Or does it express an intellectually credible vision of a new Jerusalem?

Amid the white noise of party politics, three statements of shared attitudes begin to give the outline of an answer. The Oxford political scientist John Gray, in works such as *Beyond the New Right* and *The Undoing of Conservatism*, has argued eloquently that the very success of free-market policies has hollowed out civil society and left more and more Britons insecure and dislocated, dealing with the world through the often hostile medium of the market, economically depressed by international competition.

The historian Raphael Samuel in his forthcoming book *Theatres of Memory* paints a moving picture of working-class culture being eroded by capitalism over many decades. Now Will Hutton, economics editor of *The Guardian*, has given us a profoundly related vision dressed up as political economy. His book is an economic diagnosis of the rottenness and a programme of radical surgery. How convincing is that diagnosis? Do the conclusions follow from the premises?

The diagnosis blames society's evils on markets and the brutal governments that impose them on healthcare, education, the Civil Service, public housing and transport. Society's "intermediate institutions" were thereby swept away; labour was casualised and inequalities reasserted. Governments since 1979 have dogmatically instituted a succession of unregulated free markets. Their freedom is illusory, discovers Hutton: markets are social constructs, regulated and dependent on social convention. The reimposition of regulation is entirely natural.

Hutton's target, like Gray's, is the marketisation of everyday life. Unlike Gray, he finds the symbol of this trend: the City of London, that most efficient and high-profile set of markets. Confident, affluent, modernising, it moved from the world of the top hat to the age of the dealing screen without passing through social revolution.

Its identifiable sin is "short-termism", which Hutton, like many others, claims is responsible for low rates of investment in British industry. Germans and Japanese, long-termists all, do things much better. Or so it seemed until recently: Japan's miracle in reverse, since 1989, tells a different story. Perhaps much in Hutton's analysis — like Gray's — is most clearly true of the features of Britain's recession since our entry to the European exchange-rate mechanism.

Hutton thinks otherwise. If Britain's public rottenness can all be traced to markets, its economic rottenness — underinvestment, lack of skills, consumer booms, asset stripping — can be traced to the biggest market of all. Hutton makes the City's vices dependent on what he sees as the "semi-feudal" nature of the British state. The absolute sovereignty of the Crown in Parliament goes with absolute property rights; this creates our pure and heartless markets, excluding all possibility of social partnership.

The solution, he claims, is obvious. The City must be regulated, sacrificing the free movement of capital and the control of industry by shareholders as a necessary part of the replacement of monarchy by republic. Hutton's political programme is familiar from Charter 88's arguments: "The root and branch overhaul of the Westminster version of democracy" in order to make the State embody the values of "trust, participation and inclusion".

What is new is that this is integrally linked to the reform of the City. More extraordinary is the revolutionary call to "complete the unfinished business of the 17th century", creating an "economic citizenship" to smash the "Conservative base", that "network of City institutions, public schools, regiments, landed estates and boardrooms". If the constructive project is vague the destructive one is clear: "The republicanisation of finance".

Hutton's demonology is an old one: Moneybags, the sleek southern *rentier*, oppresses the northern manufacturer. The system is perpetuated by a network of class privilege. These images of the 1890s are transposed on to the 1990s as if nothing had changed. Indeed, as if Thatcherism had been the greatest prop of the old school tie culture instead of its great solvent. Hutton concedes that nationalisation is not the answer. But this does not exclude a plethora of other forms of social control, a "web of associations": boards, councils, authorities. In the 18th century, corporatism meant squire and parson; in the 19th, friendly society and Methodist chapel; in the 20th, trade union and welfare state producer monopolies. In the 21st, according to Hutton, it is to mean all those local regulatory bodies that will spring up in the shadow of the principle of devolution.

> 'Lib-Dems or the Blairite Labour Party are equally unlikely to reform the world by niceness'

But what if Hutton and Gray are right? Suppose that a bottom 30 per cent of society is being slowly impoverished by international competition, and the middle 30 per cent immiserated by insecurity? Is this any better news for the Left and for the Right? Such massive shifts of economic activity could hardly be cancelled out by the modest dose of welfare statism that would be economically feasible. The Social Chapter might do something for the middle 30 per cent, but only at the expense of the sector below it. And a single European currency would quickly wipe out any advantage to the middle class by promoting ever-larger flows of economic activity within the European Union, bringing job mobility (and insecurity) on the scale of the United States of America.

If so, the constructive programme of the Left is in for as bad a time as that of the Right. The old solidarities of Richard Hoggart, author of *The Uses of Literacy*, and *Coronation Street* are not likely to re-congeal in such an environment. But the culture of the Liberal Democrats, or of Blairite Labour, is equally unlikely to acquire a secure social base from which to reform the world by neighbourly niceness. Meanwhile, we have a powerful negative critique unmitigated by a viable positive vision.

The revolutionary potential of this doctrine is obscured by its trappings of academic respectability. Hutton, a Governor of the London School of Economics and a leading light of Charter 88, wrote much of it during a term at St Antony's College, Oxford, and prominently thanks Lord Dahrendorf, its Warden. Professor David Marquand buffed the book as showing that "the peculiar deformations of British capitalism ... spring directly from the corresponding deformations of the financial markets in the City, and that these in turn are symbiotically connected to the pre-democratic character of the British state."

Critical readers of *The State We're In* will discover the useful truth that the book consists almost wholly of unproven assertion. What matters is its negative critique rather than its positive vision. This is far removed from the world of the Webbs, Keynes and Beveridge, Titmuss and Halsey. It is closer to the mood of 1815: like the Bourbons, some sectors of opinion in Britain have learnt nothing and forgotten nothing. But they want their revenge.

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Opposition leader killed as Algiers attacks Mitterrand

BY CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

A LEADER of Algeria's National Liberation Front has been beheaded, security services said yesterday.

Ahmed Kasmi, a member of the Front's central committee, was abducted on Tuesday. His head alone has been recovered in a railway station at Khemis-Miliana west of Algiers.

The Front was one of the parties that participated in a conference last month in Rome between a number of the larger Algerian opposition movements, together with the banned Islamic Salvation Front.

Earlier, the Armed Islamic Group (GIA), one of the factions which is trying to overthrow the Algerian Government, claimed responsibility for a suicide bombing on Monday which killed 42 in Algiers, and threatened to carry out similar attacks over the next few weeks.

France yesterday shrugged off an outburst of anger from Algeria over a proposal by President Mitterrand for a European-sponsored conference to seek peace in the country's bloody civil conflict.

In an action that highlighted the isolation of the military-led Government in its war with Muslim insurgents, Algiers recalled its ambassador to Paris and summoned the French envoy there for an explanation. Officials and the state media hurled personal abuse at M Mitterrand, charging him with interference for his suggestion on Friday that the European Union could mediate in talks that would draw on a declaration made at last month's Rome meeting by Islamic and civil opposition groups. State radio said M Mitterrand was displaying the "visceral hatred of independent Algeria" which he had shown in the 1950s. As Interior Minister during France's long war with nationalists, M Mitterrand was a staunch champion of *l'Algérie française*.

The Rome agreement was fiercely rejected by Algiers and also by the FIS and the GIA, the most extreme group in the underground war which has killed an estimated 30,000 people since 1991.

Behind the emotion of Algeria's weekend response is the growing fear there that France could be withdrawing the lifeline which it has offered, with its strong support for the Government's security policies and for its attempts to win aid from world bodies.

Worried about the possible emergence of an Iranian-style regime on France's southern flank, the Gaullist-led Government of Edouard Balladur has given military aid and arranged the rescheduling of Algeria's foreign debt and readied plans for some 6 billion francs (£750 million) of aid for Algeria. As current president of the EU, France is pressing its partners for a Mediterranean policy to promote links with Algeria and the other north African states.

There is no doubt that the Socialist President was going further than the Gaullist Government would have liked in floating what could only be seen in Algiers as a provocation. Some critics are accusing him of trying to stir trouble for M Balladur as he approaches elections for the presidency.

However, the tenor of M Balladur's policy has shifted since the New Year. The catalyst was the Christmas hijacking by GIA guerrillas of the Air France airliner. French officials were incensed over what they said was the refusal of the Algiers authorities to keep them informed about the operation when the plane was being held for two days there. "They lied to us all the time," one minister said. It took threats of a cut-off in aid to persuade the regime to let the Airbus take off for France.



Villagers from Bocairente in the Valencia region of eastern Spain re-create the medieval splendour of the confrontation between Moors and Christians in an annual festival that dates from the 17th century

Spain demands EU aid for North Africa

BY MICHAEL BINYON

SPAIN will throw its weight behind south European attempts to switch the priorities and financial aid of the European Union to the Mediterranean basin, Javier Solana, the Spanish Foreign Minister, said at the weekend.

He told a conference on the Mediterranean that Spain would support France in pushing for an increase in EU aid to North Africa and the creation of a European-Mediterranean economic free trade zone by the year 2000. He said that the Mediterranean was the bridge between East and West and Europe depended far more on the area than on Eastern Europe for its energy imports.

He wanted a swifter development of the present Mediterranean programme and promised that the Spanish EU presidency later this year would follow French initiatives in focusing attention on multilateral co-operation between the northern and southern shores of the sea. "Spain wants to be up to the challenge of history." Abel Matutes, a former Spanish EU Commissioner until recently responsible for Mediterranean policy, went further and called for the extension of all EU benefits to the Union's southern neighbours.

André Azoulay, chief adviser to King Hassan of Morocco, said that Europe should adopt a global approach instead of worrying about particular subjects such as fishing or looking all the time at events in Poland and the Czech Republic.

Kamal Abu Jaber, a former Foreign Minister of Jordan, called for a new Mediterranean Marshall Plan and said that extensive EU investment was needed in the Middle East. Raymond Barre, a former French Prime Minister, spoke of the urgency of a programme to stabilise the Maghreb, push forward the Middle East peace and curb a potentially huge wave of migration into Europe.

Husain seals Israeli friendship with 'fairytale' banquet for MPs

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JERUSALEM

NEARLY a quarter of Israel's 120-member Knesset flew to Amman for an unprecedented dinner last night hosted by King Husain in a spectacular gesture designed to show that whatever problems the fragile peace accord between Israel and the Palestinians is facing, that with Jordan is thriving.

Twenty-eight parliamentarians from all parties led by Sheva Weiss, the Speaker, took part in the feast described by Israel radio as "a fairytale come true". They were flown in the first Royal Jordanian airliner to touch down at Ben Gurion international airport near Tel Aviv.

Mr Weiss said that the dinner invitation reflected the broad support among all Israelis for the peace treaty with Jordan signed last year, the second between Israel and an Arab state. He said that the deputies would present the King with a Bible in Hebrew and English. "We know the King is a religious man and the Bible symbolises our historic record: both Arabs and Jews are the sons of Abraham."

The conciliatory banquet came only 24 hours after Israelis had been reminded of the recently ended state of war between the two neighbours. Two Israelis were killed accidentally when their vehicle was driven mistakenly into one of the many minefields that still line the Israeli-Jordan border, the longest between the Jewish state and any of its Arab neighbours. It took Israeli troops most of Saturday night to extricate the bodies.

The value of the new friendship that already has seen thousands of Israeli tourists flock into Jordan, where the country's leading luxury hotel is now considering opening a kosher kitchen, was shown on Saturday night when the King lent his winter palace in the Red Sea resort of Aqaba for talks between Israel and the Gulf state of Oman.

Shimon Peres, the Israeli Foreign Minister, met Yousef bin Abdullah, his Omani counterpart, in secret negotiations that eventually are expected to result in the establishment of diplomatic relations, further helping Israel to break out of the isolation that has dogged successive governments since the foundation of the state in 1948. The Israeli Cabinet praised the Jordanian leader for helping to arrange the meeting.

Uri Savir, the director-general of the Israeli Foreign Ministry and one of the officials most closely associated with the peace process, predicted that in the days and weeks ahead, Israel would succeed in strengthening ties with "Gulf and Maghreb" countries.

The royal banquet symbolised the genuine warmth of the new accord between Israel and Jordan, which ended a 46-year state of war, and it increased the already high personal respect felt by most Israelis on the Left and the Right for King Husain.

Memorial boycott threat

Jerusalem: Ultra-Orthodox Jews are threatening to boycott Yad Vashem, the sombre memorial on the outskirts of Jerusalem dedicated to the six million Jews slaughtered in the Nazi Holocaust, because they say photographs displayed there are "immodest" (Christopher Walker writes). Yesterday the directors of the memorial, regarded as virtually a sacred institution by most Israelis, said they had turned down a request by a leading ultra-Orthodox pressure group to remove or cover photographs showing naked Jews being led to the slaughter.

Real-life bodice ripper for Hawke

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

IT HAS all the makings of a Mills and Boon novel. The distinguished former political leader leaves his wife for a younger woman, who has fallen madly in love with the man whose biography she was commissioned to write.

They sneak away to a lover's hideaway for Christmas, he pops the question and they celebrate their marriage plans in champagne style in the first-class cabin of a jumbo jet while on a whistle-stop world tour.

But this is not the plot to the latest in romantic fiction available from your friendly neighbourhood supermarket. It is the true love story that has been intriguing Australians for the past two months. And today every passionate detail will be revealed in breathless prose as Bob Hawke and Blanche d'Alpuget ponder their future together.

The couple have sold their story for a reported £100,000 in a joint magazine and TV deal with Australia's Channel 9 and Woman's Day, both owned by Kerry Packer, the media magnate. Inside the magazine, which carries the cover line: "Bob and Blanche: Our love wouldn't die", the former Prime Minister admits he has already asked for her hand in marriage.

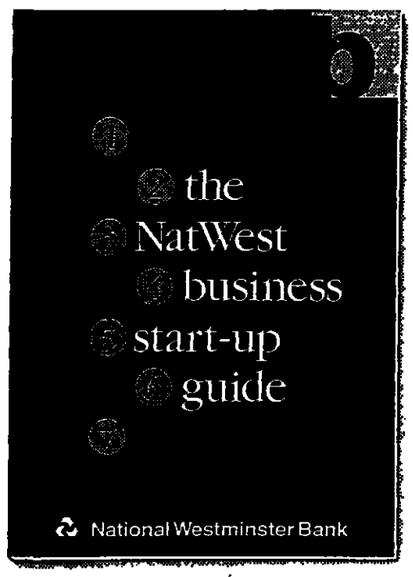
And according to a clip from the interview shown on last night's *Channel 9 News*, the reply was positive. Asked if she had accepted the offer of marriage, Ms d'Alpuget, 51, said: "I have in principle."

Even the former Prime Minister's agent, British-born Max Markson, has got in on the act, describing the story as the most revealing interview Mr Hawke has ever given.

Bob Hawke and his wife Hazel, both 65, separated late last year after 38 years of marriage. Mrs Hawke declined to comment yesterday.

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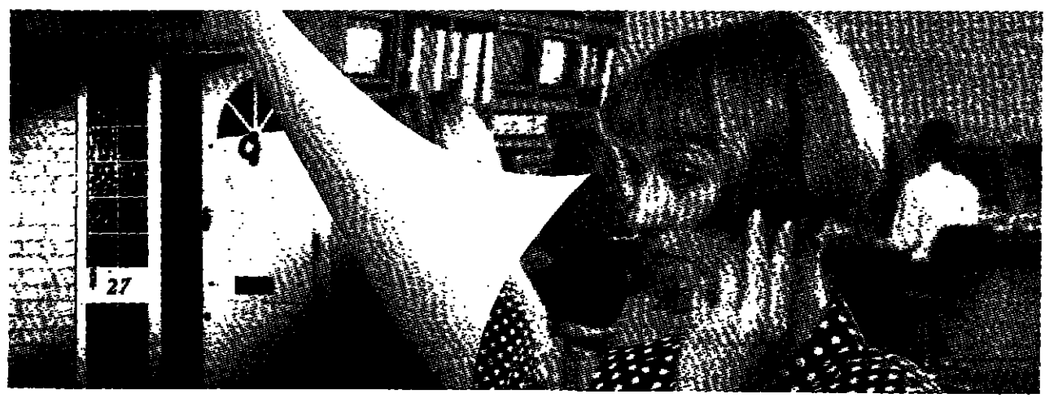
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The Princess of Wales will present a more caring and subdued image than she did in New York last week

Royal wives plan English tea in empire of the sun

FROM GWEN ROBINSON IN TOKYO

THE Princess of Wales flew to Japan yesterday to begin her most significant solo overseas tour since her separation more than two years ago. She will present an image vastly different from the glamorous sophisticate who last week wowed New York.

There will be no gala receptions or fashion shows during the Princess's three-day working visit to Tokyo as a charity ambassador. The official agenda instead abounds with visits to daycare centres, hospitals and homes for the elderly.

But the event which has set Japan's royal-watchers agog is a long-awaited meeting between the two Crown Princesses. Princess Masako, who married Crown Prince Naruhito in June 1993, is said to have expressed great interest in meeting her British counterpart. The feeling on the British side, say insiders, is mutual. The two Princesses are scheduled to sit down together, along with other members of the Imperial Family, on Wednesday at Tokyo's Imperial Palace for afternoon tea, English-style, according to palace officials.

News of the meeting has reinvigorated the British Princess's Japanese fans, who have been somewhat bemused by the scandals and revelations of marital woes besieging the royal couple. "Rei-di Di" mania peaked in 1986 and 1990 when the Princess accompanied Prince Charles to Japan. The frenzied adoration has since settled down into an intense but detached curiosity.

Now, however, commentators are busy drawing the obvious comparisons and pointing out the glaring contrasts between the Japanese and British Princesses. They are roughly the same age. Both saw their lives change dramatically — and traumatically — when they married into royalty. They were both billed as "fairytale" Princesses. Their husbands were both seen as somewhat stuffy models of decorum.

While one Princess dropped her forthright manner and retreated into the arcane protocol of the Imperial Household, however, the other has positively bloomed, all but shedding her husband along the way.

At 31, Princess Masako is two years younger than her British counterpart, but boasts a formidable curriculum vitae based on her high-flying career as a multilingual diplomat. She graduated in economics from Harvard University with a thesis entitled *External Adjustments to Import Price Shocks — Oil in Japanese Trade*, and then read international relations at Balliol College, Oxford.

It was after her return to Japan as a diplomat specialising in international trade issues that the Princess, then Masako Owada, caught the Crown Prince's eye. Her husband's decision to marry a commoner who was widely regarded as too old, too tall and too tainted by her high-powered career caused some surprise.

Imperial will prevailed, however, and today the Princess's clear, sure voice and confident stride have been replaced by hushed, stiff tones and demure little steps, always the regulation three paces behind her royal husband.

Not a whiff of scandal has arisen about the imperial couple since their wedding. The only awkward issue dogging them is the absence of an heir, who in Japan, must be male.

The Princess of Wales's more sensational problems, meanwhile, have been widely publicised in Japan, where top-selling books and magazines regularly delve into the failed marriage, the kiss-and-tell revelations and taped telephone conversations.



Princess Masako has an economics degree from Harvard but has withdrawn behind royal protocol

Yard investigates phone bugging as gym case nears

BY ALAN HAMILTON

AS THE Princess of Wales set off for Tokyo yesterday, police confirmed that they were investigating allegations of telephone bugging in a case involving her, which is due to be heard in the High Court next week.

The Princess is suing Mirror Group Newspapers and Bryce Taylor, owner of a west London fitness club, over photographs of her exercising in the gym, published in the *Sunday Mirror* in 1993 and said to have been taken without her consent.

Solicitors representing Mr Taylor complained to Scotland Yard last week that a telephone call concerning the case made by a member of their staff, was illegally intercepted and recorded. The tape was subsequently offered for sale to newspapers, it was claimed.

The case is due to be heard in the High Court next Monday and the Princess has said that she is willing to go into the witness box and face cross-examination by Geoffrey Robertson, QC, counsel for the defendants and a prominent left-wing lawyer of Australian origin.

The case may still be settled out of court, but if it goes ahead to a full hearing the Princess will be first senior member of the Royal Family to take the witness stand since the future Edward VII gave evidence in 1891 in support of a friend who had been accused of cheating at baccarat. In 1910, the future King George V went to court against a journalist who had accused him of bigamy, but did not himself give evidence in court.

In more recent cases of newspapers publishing unofficial, snatched or stolen photographs, the Queen has generally resorted to initiating action for breach of copyright, and the matter has been settled out of court, usually with the offending newspaper giving a substantial donation to charity. Friends of the Princess have been quoted as saying that she is determined to see the present case through.

The Princess lands in Tokyo this morning, where controversy has been raging over her decision not to visit the port city of Kobe, which was shattered by an earthquake last month.

Suggestions that such a visit was ruled out because it might upstage the Japanese Imperial Family's much-criticised and lacklustre interest in the disaster were firmly denied by the Princess's office, which insisted that the trip was never on, and even if it had been it would have been vetoed as placing too much of a strain on security in the stricken area.

Karachi gunmen kill 21

FROM REUTER IN KARACHI

GUNMEN killed at least 21 people and wounded about 40 in an outbreak of violence in the southern Pakistani city of Karachi yesterday, police said.

Eleven of the victims were killed and 15 people were wounded when gunmen opened fire on a Kashmiri fund-raising camp in central Karachi. Police said gunmen later fired shots in a mosque in western Karachi, killing eight people and wounding 25. Two other people were killed in separate shootings in central Karachi.

The attack at the camp set up by a Kashmiri militant group, Harakatul Ansar, took place during a strike called by the Government to support a separatist revolt in Indian-ruled Kashmir. It was not clear whether the shooting was related to the strike or to ethnic violence.

Gangs to cash in on quake

FROM REUTER IN TOKYO

GANGSTERS could make up to 300 billion yen (£1.9 billion) from the rebuilding of Kobe after last month's earthquake, according to an expert on Japanese mob members.

The estimate was made by David Kaplan, co-author of a book on Japan's gangs, and based on police figures for criminal involvement in the building industry. Gangsters are believed to control as many as 900 building firms.

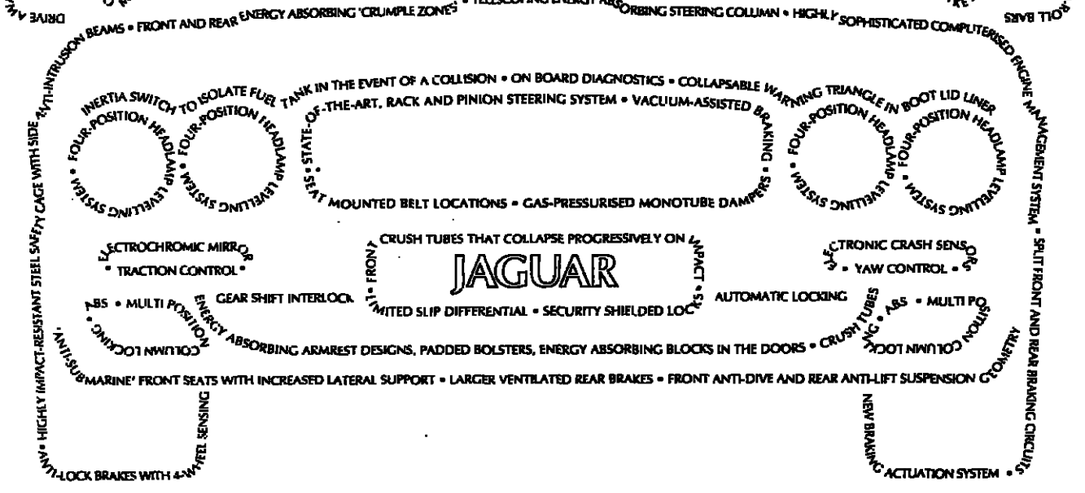
The Governor of Hyogo prefecture, which includes Kobe, estimated the total cost of rebuilding the city at more than 10,000 billion yen. Police officials say that the gangs routinely take 1 to 3 per cent of the value of public works projects. The 300 billion yen estimate amounts to nearly a quarter of the Japanese underworld's estimated entire annual income.

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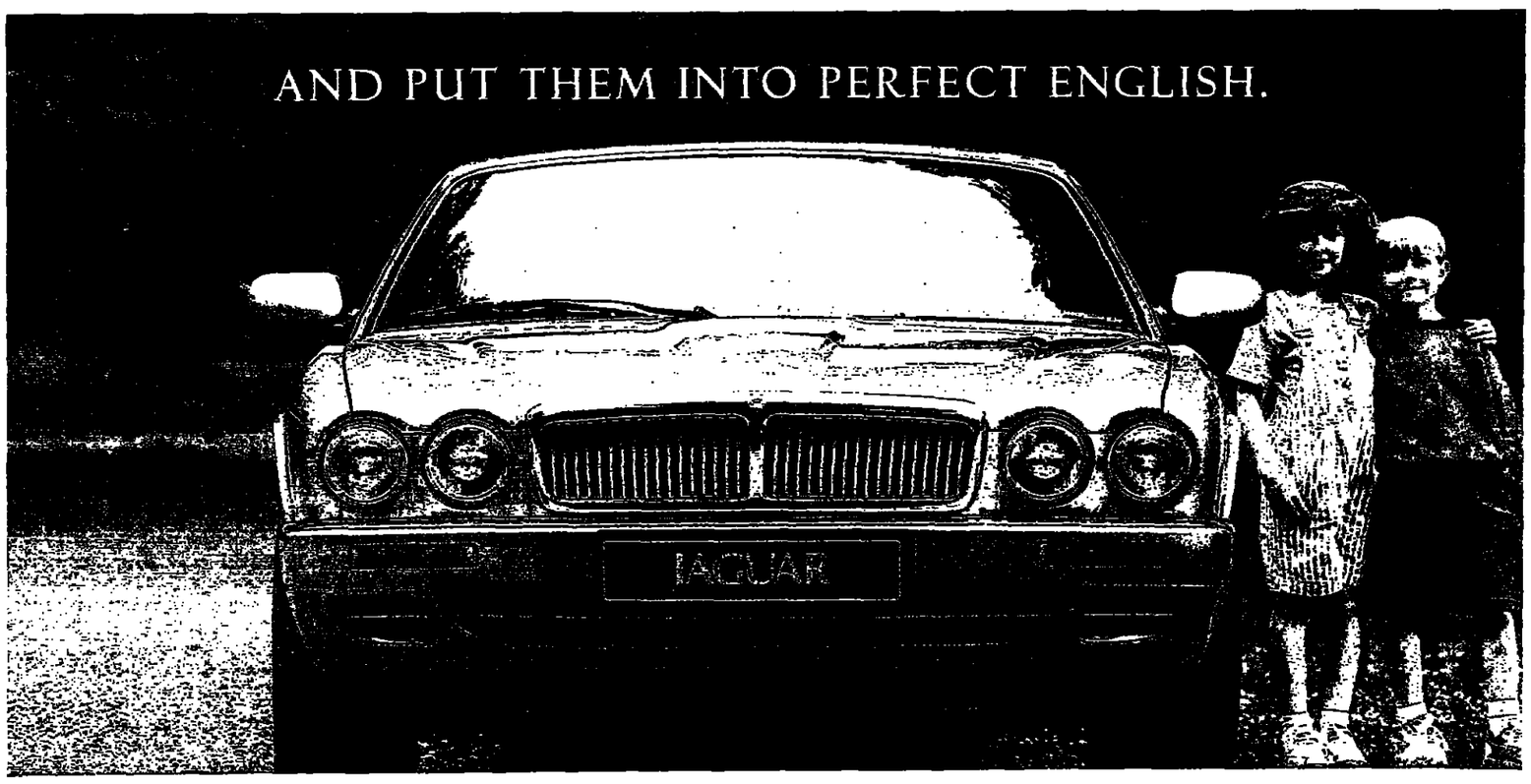
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Menem evokes spirit of Evita in laser show to launch re-election campaign



Menem: perceived as guarantee of stability

FROM ANDRÉS WOLBERG-STOK IN BUENOS AIRES

PRESIDENT MENEM, his popularity boosted by Argentinian fears of a Mexico-style crisis, has launched his re-election campaign with a huge rally that married laser displays and giant images of Evita Perón.

State television carried the prime-time Saturday night event live for an hour and a half from the Atlantic resort of Mar del Plata and put the attendance at 100,000. Police estimated the crowd at 40,000. "Our beloved Argentina has become a serious, credible, trustworthy country... which is the centre of attention even for the greatest powers on Earth," said Señor Menem, who came to power in the summer of 1989, to the thunder of dozens of bass drums beaten by approving supporters.

The Peronist President is seeking a second term to consolidate what he calls Argentina's "economic miracle" of low inflation and rapid growth. He has increased his lead in the run-up to the May 14 vote since Mexico devalued its peso in December.

The shock waves that hit Latin America's emerging economies gave him an extra ten percentage points because voters see him as a guarantee of stability, a poll published at the weekend showed. The survey, commissioned by the Government, gave Señor Menem 37.2 per cent of the vote in greater Buenos Aires — home to a third of Argentina's 33 million population — against 15.8 per cent for the Radical Party of his predecessor, Raúl Alfonsín. A centre-left front that had earlier emerged as a possible second force was trailing in third place with 14.2 per cent.

Bolstered by these figures, Señor Menem was exultant at the formal launch of his campaign, laughing, winking into state television cameras, and clapping his hands to the beat of the crowd's rendition of a popular hit, "*Matador*". His vice-presidential candidate, Carlos Ruckauf, a former Interior Minister, used Señor Menem's handling of the fallout from the Mexican crisis to urge voters to back him again.

"Just now, when everything in the Americas shook, when it seemed a monster wave from Mexico was about to sweep it all away, once again the skipper managed to keep the boat on course," he roared. "Menem knows the way."

Señor Ruckauf also mentioned unemployment — at more than 12 per cent, one of the weaknesses of the "economic miracle" — and quoted Evita, the legendary first wife of the party's founder, Juan Domingo Perón, who roused crowds in his support. "For us a jobless man is not part of statistics. He is, as Evita taught us, a gaping wound in our heart," Señor Ruckauf said.

Señor Menem, irked by the embarrassingly high unemployment figure published last month, has described it as misleading and says he wants the calculation method revised. "I have no doubt that the coming years too will be years of growth and development," he told the crowd. "Brothers and sisters, let's win! Let's win! Let's win!" he urged as a shower of fireworks lit up the night sky. *(Reuter)*



Perón: saw jobless as a wound in the heart

US and China list tariffs in row over property piracy

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN PEKING AND TOM RHODES IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON and Peking seemed last night to be on course for a trade war over intellectual property piracy in China, but a three-week grace period before tough sanctions come into effect on both sides bolstered hopes that a settlement could still be reached.

Mickey Kantor, the US Trade Representative who illustrated the problem in Washington at the weekend by holding up American goods and their fake Chinese counterparts, said that the problem ranged from computer software and games, to books, canned goods, breakfast cereals and millions of compact discs by such varied artists as Nirvana and Abba.

Mr Kantor said at the weekend that he would be happy to resume negotiations with China at any time but imposed 100 per cent tariffs on a list of imports of Chinese goods worth $1.08 billion (£692 million), in the largest such action in American trade history. The list of items affected ranged from silk blouses to cellular telephones. "The Chinese know what they have to do," he said.

For its part, the Chinese Trade Ministry issued a list of sanctions it said it had to impose to defend China's "sovereignty and dignity". The list included tariffs on imports of American films, CDs, telephone exchange switches and cigarettes.

In Peking, however, it was business as usual, with a seller of pirated CDs displaying a selection that included everything from Cliff Richard recordings to reggae and heavy metal. "Alan" was only one of five such salesmen hawking his illicit wares openly in one small area of central Peking yesterday. Police loitered in the background but made no effort to interfere.

Mr Kantor said in Washington that the American sanctions would take effect on February 26. Newt Gingrich, the Speaker of the House, immediately supported the Clinton Administration's decision, saying that Peking could not be allowed to cheat on intellectual property rights. "Trade cannot be a one-way street," he said. "They cannot cheat us and expect us to have our market open."

In recent weeks, American officials have been careful about their selection of goods for retaliation, avoiding products where the added costs might affect American businesses. China's biggest exports to the United States are toys and electronic goods.

The confrontation comes at a particularly sensitive stage in Sino-American relations as disputes have emerged over human rights and the export of weapons technology, and at a time when Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader, is reported to be seriously ill.

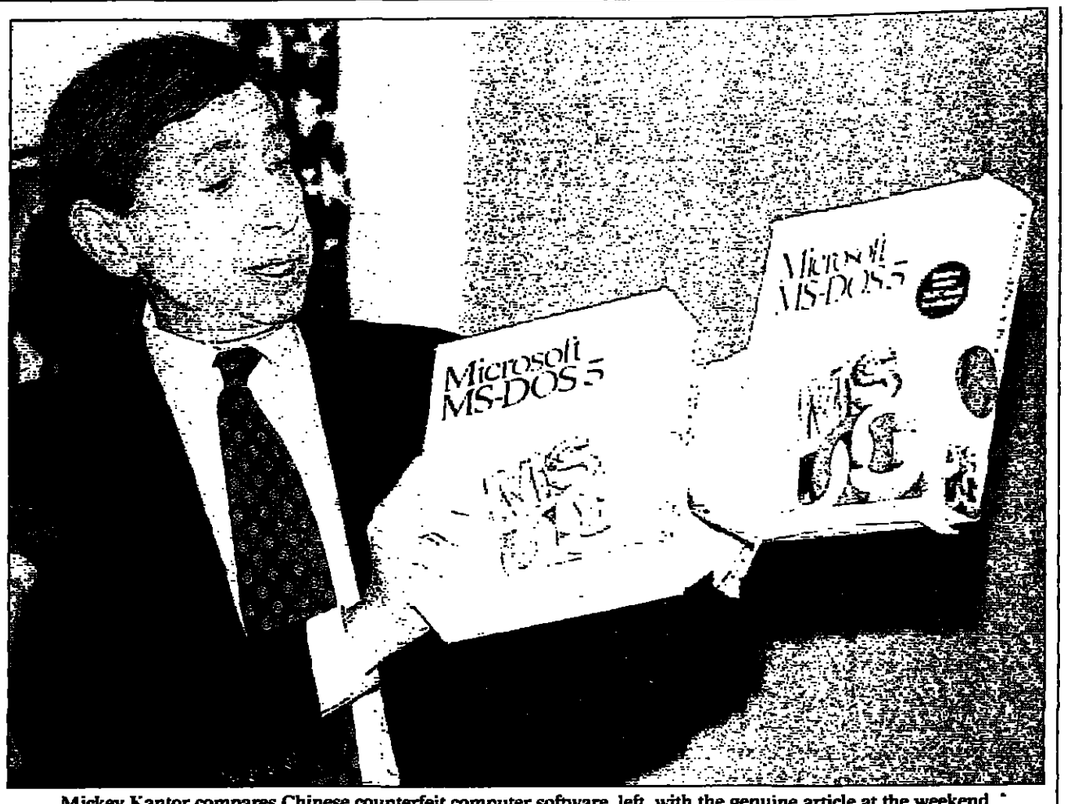
The US State Department issued a highly critical report last week in which it was said there had been no sign of improvement in human rights abuses in China in the past year, despite the conditional granting of most favoured nation status to the Chinese eight months ago. The White House said yesterday that the policy of "intensive engagement" with China, which began 16 months ago, had not failed and the Clinton Administration intended to pursue the strategy.

If China's sanctions are implemented, they would have a severe effect on American investments, including plans for US car manufacturers to become involved in joint ventures with Chinese firms.

The Chinese claim that many American consumer goods will lose market share to competitors from Japan and Europe if there is a trade war. "There's a lot of bluff and bluster on both sides," one Western commercial attaché said. "We are still hopeful that both sides will pull back from the brink of a trade war that will be equally damaging to each."

The United States claims that dozens of Chinese factories and workshops, many of them state-owned and mainly in the southern province of Guangdong, make millions of CDs for foreign and Chinese markets. American officials have repeatedly called for the closure of 29 Chinese factories, many of which are state-owned.

An official at the Trade Ministry said Peking could not accept American pressure tactics, and expressed regret that Washington had ignored what he said were China's obvious and sincere efforts to protect intellectual property.



Mickey Kantor compares Chinese counterfeit computer software, left, with the genuine article at the weekend

Hong Kong pleads innocence to Kantor

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE Hong Kong authorities were stunned over the weekend by an American attack on their laxity in stopping Chinese pirated goods from being shipped into and through the colony.

Referring to Hong Kong and Taiwan, Mickey Kantor, the US Trade Representative, said: "If they would refuse to allow those goods to come across their borders, then of course we would not be in this position."

Responding to the Hong Kong Government's appeal to Peking and Washington to find a solution to the impending trade war, which officials in Hong Kong estimate will cost the colony $470 million (£313 million) in lost re-export trade and up to 3,800 jobs, Mr Kantor said: "I would suggest to those who are concerned about the sanctions that they should work with us to stop this practice."

He noted that the Hong Kong and Taiwanese Governments have the full power to stop pirated goods from going across their borders to other countries in South-East Asia. Stung by the charge, the colony's Department of Trade and Industry said yesterday: "We are surprised by these remarks. We are opposed to piracy and make many efforts at the border to stop it and make raids in the city on shops selling pirated goods."

☐ **Taipei:** Taiwan last night urged its companies to invest outside China as businessmen devised schemes to dodge the flak between the island's two biggest trade partners, America and China. The island's top policy-making body on mainland affairs called for a meeting of businessmen tomorrow to discuss the worsening investment climate in China.

About 25,000 Taiwanese-invested businesses, with a capital estimated at between $10 billion and $20 billion, operate in mainland China, according to Peking's figures. Many of them export to the United States from factories in China's booming southern and eastern provinces, the areas expected to be hit hardest by the sanctions. *(Reuter)*

WORLD SUMMARY

CIA 'sold bombs to Iraq'

Washington: The CIA was involved in the undercover sale of sophisticated bombs to Baghdad at a time in the mid-1980s when the Reagan Administration claimed neutrality in the war between Iran and Iraq (Tom Rhodes writes). Howard Teicher, a former Middle East specialist at the National Security Council, claims US intelligence secretly authorised Carlos Cardoen, a Chilean arms dealer, to sell cluster bombs to the Iraqi regime.

Mr Teicher has described meetings that he attended in which William Casey, then CIA director and his deputy, Robert Gates, had decided that Iraq needed the bombs.

Peru peace talks resume

Quito: Talks to resolve a border dispute between Peru and Ecuador resumed yesterday amid reports that troops from the two sides had clashed again. The skirmishes, which occurred on Saturday, were described as of "lower intensity" than previous fighting and there were no reports of casualties. The attacks came a day after negotiators from Peru and Ecuador, meeting in Brazil, announced that they had reached agreement in principle to end the border conflict and set up a demilitarised zone. *(AP)*

Spain prays for rain

Barcelona: Thousands of Spaniards attended prayers at the weekend to call for rain (Edward Owen writes). The drought is one of the worst this century and has caused the cancellation of the Alpine Skiing Championships in the Sierra Nevada. Cardinal Marcelo González Martín, the Primate of Spain, led 4,000 people round all the statues of saints in Toledo as they prayed for divine intervention.

Extra men in South Korea

Seoul: Men will outnumber women in South Korea by 21.7 per cent from 1999 because of the widespread abortion of female foetuses, the Government said. A campaign was launched last week by 40,000 doctors to end unnecessary prenatal tests. Ultra-sound screening is often used in South Korea to identify the gender of embryos. *(AFP)*

Dog fight

Jerusalem: A poodle attacked its owner's assailant during a fight between two neighbours in Petah Tikva, near Tel Aviv, caused when the dog soiled the next-door garden. The assailant, aged about 60, fell, crushing the animal to death, then had a heart attack. *(Reuter)*

North's secretary tells of drug hell



Hall: became a crack addict after her first lungful

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

FAWN HALL, the glamorous secretary who shredded documents for Lieutenant-Colonel Oliver North, has told for the first time how her life was left in tatters by the Iran-Contra scandal.

In a television interview due to be broadcast tonight, Ms Hall reveals that, after leaving the corridors of power in Washington, she became a crack addict who roamed the streets of Hollywood in search of drugs and "wanted to die".

The one-time model says that she was only a "recreational" drug user until she married Danny Sugarman, a writer on rock music who is best known for his biography of Jim Morrison, lead singer of The Doors, *No One Gets Out Of Here Alive*.

She started having serious problems with drugs after the couple went on honeymoon in Thailand in the opium-producing "golden triangle" in 1992. According to Ms Hall, she became "an instant addict" with her first lungful of crack, a purified form of cocaine.

"It's an intense rush," she told the syndicated television show *Inside Edition*. "I mean you have to literally run out of [crack] and be unable to get it anywhere, or you have to be physically so run down that you can no longer pick up the pipe, before you stop. And that's not a very pretty sight."

Ms Hall described with disgust how her descent into drug abuse turned her into a slovenly recluse, barely able to eat, watch television or even pick up the telephone. Her addiction got so bad that she would sometimes pass out on the streets of Hollywood after spending the night looking for drugs.

"I hated myself so much because I couldn't even kill myself," she said. "I wanted to die, but I didn't have the courage to kill myself." She checked into the exclusive Hanely Hazelton rehabilitation centre in Palm Beach, Florida, last year but even there only chance saved her from her addiction.

"I went out and tried to buy some crack on the street in West Palm Beach, and I didn't end up being able to purchase it because the guy ripped me off," she said. Ms Hall left the Hazelton centre after news of her presence was leaked to a tabloid magazine, and she is now living drug-free in Los Angeles. She views the Iran-Contra scandal as the turning point in her life, saying it sapped her of her strength and sense of self.

Although she once believed Colonel North was "as perfect as one human can get", she says her former boss, who recently ran unsuccessfully for a seat in the US Senate, now avoids all contact with her. "I consider it a betrayal, his not speaking with me," she said. "When he published his first book he didn't put me in the acknowledgement, but instead used the words 'loyal secretary' to describe his new secretary — that was very painful. It made me feel like a paper cup. I was useful at the time and now I'm not, and it hurts me terribly to say that."

Town sued over blacks shop ban

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

A SMALL town in Georgia is being taken to court for violating the civil rights of local blacks after seeking an unorthodox solution to its shoplifting problem.

The authorities in Union Point, which has a population of 1,750, issued a list of 21 people suspected, but not convicted, of stealing from shops as petty crime soared in the run-up to Christmas.

The 21 were banned from more than two dozen shops and other businesses, including banks, in the main street. Police delivered a terse notice to each suspect: "You are not to enter said premises. If you do so, you will be charged with criminal trespass and/or disorderly conduct."

The idea had the blessing of all the local elders, but civil rights activists were outraged, when they found that all those listed — 19 men and two women — were black. The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a lawsuit against the town.

Clinton budget will not reduce deficit

BY TOM RHODES

PRESIDENT Clinton will today take the political gamble of unveiling a budget that does nothing to cut the burgeoning deficit he had promised to halve by 1996.

Two years after proposing what he described as the "largest deficit reduction package in history", Mr Clinton's $1,600 billion (£1,020 billion) package will control but make no effort to cut a projected $196.7 billion shortfall by 1996.

Before the proposal had been sent to Capitol Hill, it was already under attack yesterday from Republicans and conservative Democrats who criticised the White House for doing too little.

"If this [the budget] was Evel Knievel trying to fly over the Snake Canyon, he would fly over the edge of the cliff and he might fly a little while," said John Kasich, the Republican chairman of the House budget committee, "but he would not make it to the ledge on the other side."

Gene Taylor, a Democrat from Mississippi, described the proposal as "an insult to all those people who walked the plank and lost their jobs supporting the budget two years ago".

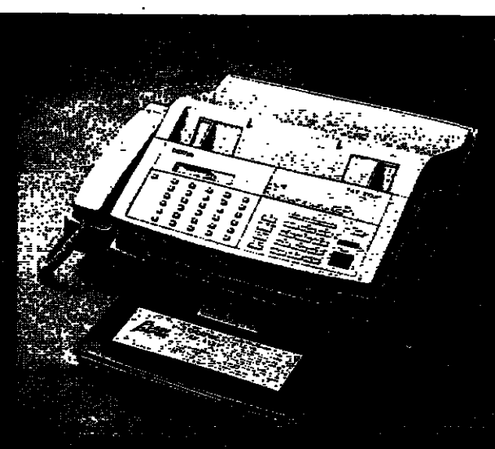
The President is thought to have wanted to make deeper cuts but was persuaded that this would merely play into the hands of the Republican majority in Congress, which could use any savings for tax cuts outlined in the *Contract with America*.

"If the Republicans want to do more deficit reduction, let them come forward with their own ideas," one White House official said. "Why make it easy for them? In the current political climate, we don't have control."

The proposed budget contains $140 billion in spending cuts over five years, more than a third of which will help pay for his middle-class tax cuts. An additional $80 billion will come from reductions in defence spending, the merging of 271 health, environmental and training programmes, and an assortment of other cuts.

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America tells Nato to consult Russia on expansion east

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT, AND RICHARD CLEROUX IN TORONTO

AMERICA wants Nato to form a special working relationship with Russia to avoid any misunderstandings with the Kremlin. William Perry, the US Defence Secretary, suggested yesterday that a standing consultative commission should be set up to keep Moscow informed of moves by the transatlantic alliance to extend its membership to Eastern Europe.

Mr Perry said at the annual Wehrkunde security policy conference in Munich of defence ministers and military officials: "Whatever we decide, Nato is committed to keeping Russia fully informed. There will be no surprises and Russia will not be isolated." He said that the commission could also be the forum for discussing European security or consultations on Bosnia-Herzegovina. Mr Perry's call for a special forum with Russia is a response to increasing fears in Moscow that Nato is aiming to expand its membership eastwards irrespective of misgivings repeatedly expressed by President Yeltsin.

Mr Perry insisted that Moscow should not feel threatened by the move. "Russia should judge Nato by what it is now, not through the prism of the Cold War," he said.

He made it clear that Nato would expand to include former Warsaw Pact countries but he said new members must adhere to the alliance's basic principles of collective defence, democracy, consensus and co-operative security.

Mr Perry and Willy Claes, the Nato Secretary-General, criticised Moscow's use of "overwhelming" military force against the rebels in Chechenia seeking independence from Russia. However, they said relations with Moscow had not been damaged irreversibly. "It's a bit too early to pass final judgment on this country," Mr Claes said.

Mr Perry also issued a warning that Nato had to find new cohesiveness after winning the Cold War. He said America was showing its commitment to Europe by keeping 100,000 troops on the Continent. He said: "You could say we were stuck with each other, but today we are not stuck together."

On the economic front, Russia got a stern warning from the West at the weekend. Finance ministers and central bankers of the Group of Seven leading industrialised countries concluded two days of meetings in Toronto with a demand that Russia achieve faster progress in transforming itself into a market economy to the satisfaction of the International Monetary Fund.

Otherwise, they said, they would hesitate to arrange further restructuring of Russia's debt and future emergency funding might not be forthcoming.

Several of the participating countries complained about a fear that Russia could be victimised by runaway inflation since the collapse of the rouble last autumn.

Robert Rubin, the American Treasury Secretary, said that Russian economic experts would be invited to an April meeting of G7 finance ministers in Washington and asked to explain what progress has been made on the issue. Russia is expected to ask for G7 membership when it meets in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in June.

Most of the two-day meeting was spent studying the bail-out of the Mexican economy. The tough words directed at Russia came as a surprise at the end of the meeting. The host, Paul Martin, the Canadian Finance Minister, said the meeting also expressed concern about the war in Chechenia.



Grozny residents are continuing to flee their beleaguered and devastated city with as many of their possessions as they can carry

Kirghizia elects first democratic parliament

Moscow: One of the most remote and backward of the former Soviet republics had its first real taste of democracy yesterday, when voters in the Central Asian state of Kirghizia took part in their first post-independence elections (Richard Beeston writes).

Thousands of Kirghiz turned out to cast their ballots for a 35-seat legislative assembly, which will become the country's first democratic parliament. Other candidates are standing for a 70-seat People's Assembly, which will meet only twice a year.

International monitors reported that polling was conducted without any major complications, and the electoral commission said that 62 per cent of the electorate had cast their ballots, well in excess of the 50 per cent turnout needed to validate the elections.

President Akayev, whose pro-reform policies have earned him the respect and financial support of the West, said he hoped that democrats would prevail and help to support his free-market policies over the more conservative communist candidates.

He conceded, however, that with more than 1,000 candidates contesting the vote, many local professionals and businessmen running as independents, it was unlikely that any one party would dominate parliament. "Without doubt this is going to be a transitional parliament because I am sure that we are still not grown up enough to have a professional parliament," said the former physicist, who urged voters to turn out again for run-off elections on February 19.

Kirghizia, sandwiched between China, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, has emerged as one of the most progressive of the former Central Asian republics.

Rebel villagers celebrate enemy pilot's lonely death

FROM ANTHONY LOYD IN NOVI ATAGI

THE Russian pilot was dying. A major, his jet had been hit by machinegun fire during a ground attack mission south of Grozny. Though he had ejected, the aircraft was too low to allow his parachute to open. He lay in the mud still strapped into his seat, fatally injured, as the jubilant Chechens approached.

"His legs were broken and when we took off his helmet his face was full of blood," a witness said. "He said, 'I have a home and son', and died."

Poignant words, but ones that were met with little sympathy by the Chechens, who daily are losing fathers, sons and homes as the result of Russian air attacks in the rebel Caucasus republic.

The field across which the Russian Sukhoi-27 jet had scattered itself was filled with civilians yesterday, searching exuberantly through the wreckage for souvenirs despite heavy fighting close by. People filled their pockets with engine parts and electronics, while one old man arrived in a lorry on which he loaded part of a wing. It was a victory of sorts, in a time where victories are few and small. The past two days have seen a succession of setbacks to the embattled Chechen fighters who, after their initial successes against the Russian forces, are being pushed back from their defensive lines.

On Friday afternoon, a Russian armoured thrust, backed by helicopters and jets, cut the crucial southeastern access route to Grozny, the main supply road to Chechens holding out in the city. Though the indigenous soldiers have counter-attacked fiercely for the past two nights, they have failed to dislodge the Russian tanks from the area and have suffered heavy casualties to cluster bombs and shellfire in the open plain on which the battle is taking place.

As Russian firepower spreads into rural areas, so too have the Chechens lost ground in Grozny as their fighters turn to face the threat from the south of the city as well as the north. Russian forces have crossed the river Sunza, until a few days ago the front line, and are infiltrating Chechen lines in a number of areas. "We have not got more than a couple of thousand fighters left in Grozny," one commander said. The Russians have elements from three divisions, including hundreds of armoured personnel carriers and tanks.

However, the Chechens' willingness to fight on against the odds seems almost unaffected. The optimism of the early days may have gone, replaced with a grim acknowledgement of the reality of fighting an enemy many times more powerful. "The Russians have always won their battles through their massed men and machines, rather than skill," said Maksharip, a Chechen fighter. "Perhaps they will here too. But victory is about more than taking everything in fighting, and we Chechen people will see this to the end."

Yeltsin's Chechen allies condemn 'barbaric' troops

BY RICHARD BEESTON

RUSSIAN forces laid down a heavy artillery bombardment on the Chechen capital, Grozny, yesterday and a large armoured column moved towards the city.

However, the Kremlin's attempts to install a pro-Russian government received a serious setback when Moscow's Chechen allies accused Russian forces of serious human rights violations against local civilians. In a potentially damaging statement released at the weekend, the Provisional Council, a group armed and funded by Moscow, demanded that the Russian authorities crack down on their ill-disciplined troops, who are accused of killing civilians and looting property.

The Provisional Council was established last year in opposition to General Dzhokhar Dudayev, the Chechen separatist leader whose forces still control large parts of the country and about one third of Grozny. His supporters proved at the weekend that they are still far from beaten when they shot down their first Russian warplane, a Su-25.

The Kremlin had hoped that the organisation would become the basis for a future pro-Russian government, which President Yeltsin would like to install as soon as possible in the breakaway republic.

The man heading the organisation is Nikolai Semyonov, the former Communist Party chief in Grozny, who is positioning himself to become the post-war governor general of Chechenia. He has appointed three anti-Dudayev deputies: Salambek Khadzhiyev, the former Soviet Oil Minister; Umar Avturkhanov, the leader of the Provisional Council; and Beslan Gantemirov.

However, the Kremlin's plans now appear to be jeopardy as the group has accused Russian troops of "barbaric, senseless and cruel bombardments and shellings of the living quarters of Grozny, inhabited by peaceful citizens who are unable to leave the city".

The statement, citing numerous witnesses, said: "It is stated that there are cases of looting, robbery, unmotivated killings of civilian population. These practices provoke dozens of Chechens who were hitherto loyal to federal bodies of power to take up arms."

Human rights investigators have claimed that some of the abuses took place at a Russian detention facility at the regional military headquarters in Mozdok. Russian soldiers have also been accused of looting property and of at least one incident of robbing and raping a Russian civilian.

Even before the public criticism, most experts on Chechenia predicted that a pro-Russian government would have little popular support in the country and would be widely regarded as a puppet regime staffed by "collaborators". Even President Yeltsin's own Chechen adviser, Doku Zavgayev, recently predicted that the interim Government was doomed to fail.

"If Moscow relies on them it is a profound mistake, which will lead to a new spiral in the tragedy of this republic," he said. "Starting with Khadzhiyev, they are all impostors, who do not have a milligram of legitimacy. They have no authority whatsoever in the Chechen republic."



Jospin yesterday: back from the political wilderness

Jospin begins battle to stop Balladur bandwagon

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

HOPE mixed with weary relief yesterday as the French Socialist Party elected Lionel Jospin as its presidential candidate. President Mitterrand's old party rallied behind the professorial M Jospin, whose victory in a primary contest on Friday finally filled the vacuum left by the abdication last December of Jacques Delors.

Basking in a standing ovation in Paris that sealed an astonishing return from the political wilderness, M Jospin promised to dismantle the aura of invincibility that surrounds Edouard Balladur, the Gaullist Prime Minister. "M Balladur is going to have to understand what an electoral campaign is about in a democratic and turbulent country like France," he said. "He would like us to examine the polls and then appoint him to the Elysée Palace. Well, even God couldn't do that for him."

Eleven weeks before the first round of the elections, the former protégé of M Mitterrand and Cabinet minister of the late 1980s faces a daunting struggle to close the gap between him and M Balladur and Jacques Chirac, his Gaullist rival who is running a distant second in opinion polls.

An austere thinker with a career as a diplomat and teacher, the tall, grey-haired M Jospin, 57, lacks charisma and any popular touch. He holds the rank of minister in the Foreign Office, but has spent most of his non-political life detached as a university lecturer. He has held no parliamentary seat since his defeat in 1993 as member for the Haute-Garonne. In his favour is an image of rectitude in a party sapped by scandals from its years in power. His prime goal will be to survive into the second-round run-off on May 7 by rallying the voters still loyal to the traditional Left. Although a fairly orthodox leftwinger by the standards of modern German or British social democrats, M Jospin is a moderate in a party which, under Henri Emmanuelli, has swung back to orthodox left-wing doctrines. He is more popular than M Emmanuelli, but a poll yesterday indicated that in the present state of play, M Balladur would walk over him by 64 per cent to 36 per cent.

A healthy run by M Jospin in fact would suit M Balladur because it would dispose of M Chirac, averting the danger of a fratricidal duel, and return the campaign to the classical Left-Right combat that has ruled French political contests. M Chirac has already thrown down the gauntlet to M Jospin by posing as the champion of a left-wing Gaullism.

Dutch return home as flood threat recedes

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESSE IN THE HAGUE

TENS of thousands of Dutch citizens began a peaceful and orderly trek home as the level of the swollen rivers that had threatened their homes dropped below danger level and the dykes that had kept the waters at bay held firm.

It was a happy ending to the biggest evacuation The Netherlands has seen since the Second World War. During a 60-hour period 250,000 people had been moved from their homes. It took another 48 hours to send them back and no incident of any gravity marked the process.

Yesterday 170,000 people returned to the polders, which from Monday to Saturday had been menaced by rising floodwaters that had threatened to overwhelm the dykes.

The task of assessing the cost of the evacuation has begun, with the bill for business and industry put at one to 1.5 billion guilders (£373 million to £557 million). (AFP)

Croat deal puts more pressure on Serbs

BY MICHAEL EVANS

MUSLIMS and Croats in Bosnia reached an agreement yesterday that will help to strengthen their alliance and put further pressure on the Serbs for a long-term peace deal.

At the initiative of the United States, an international arbitrator is to be appointed to resolve disputes arising from the joint federation which the Muslims and Croats signed in March last year, ending the fighting in central and southern Bosnia.

A new system of arbitration was included in a nine-point plan negotiated by the Americans and other members of the five-nation Contact Group, including Britain, during a meeting in Munich. The agreement was reached after the Contact Group had become increasingly worried that the federation might break up, leading to a renewal of fighting between the Muslims and Croats.

There has also been speculation recently that the Government of Croatia may be seeking direct contact with the Serbian authorities to decide the fate of Bosnia-Herzegovina. However, after yesterday's successful meeting in Munich, Mate Granic, the Croatian Foreign Minister, pledged his Government's support for the Muslim-Croat federation.

Sarajevo recalls market carnage

FROM JOEL BRAND IN SARAJEVO

SARAJEVO yesterday marked the first anniversary of an explosion which echoed throughout the world: the shelling of the Markale market, where 68 Sarajevans died. The horrendous carnage that day transformed the lives of a population which had been living under siege and attack for nearly two years.

"It was the day the world finally said 'enough'," said Lieutenant-Colonel Simon Shadbolt, the military assistant to the then United Nations Commander, Lieutenant-General Michael Rose. Four days later Nato issued an ultimatum to the Bosnian Serbs: pull back your artillery, mortars and tanks, or be bombed by the Alliance.

Nowadays the marketplace again overflows with fresh fruit, vegetables and meat. Crowded trams roll through what were the killing zone of "Snipers' Alley". At night, virtually every home in Sarajevo is ablaze with lights powered by rationed electricity after months of darkness.

But Davor and Slobodanka Rehar will not forget 5 February 1994. They still keep the coffee jars their 21-year-old son Igor used to store his savings for a trip to the United States — his young life's dream. Igor Rehar and 67 other Sarajevans died from shrapnel wounds. When the shell exploded, Mr Rehar, 45, a noted local painter, dashed down the six flights of stairs in his building and out into the grisly aftermath of the explosion. Six days a week his son sold small cups of strong instant coffee at the marketplace, across the street from his house. "I personally walked over the dead bodies, turning them over, looking for Igor," he said. He found his son later, in the city mortuary.

"For me it is horrible to think about, as it is for everyone who knew someone killed by the shell. But for other people life is better because of what happened ... There is a little light in their world," Mr. Rehar said.

While there is nearly unanimous agreement that the solitary shell triggered the sequence of events which brought improvements to life for Sarajevans, the question of who fired it remains unresolved. The Bosnian Government and many international officials pointed the finger at the Serbs. The Serbs, and privately some international officials, blamed the Bosnian Government. They alleged — as they had after several earlier massacres — that the Bosnian Army had shelled its own people to gain Western sympathy and draw Nato into a war with the Serbs.

At the time, General Rose and other UN officials would only say that their investigation into the firing point of the shell had been inconclusive. Colonel Shadbolt said: "It was just an impossible shot. It was more cock-up than conspiracy." He added: "The jury is still out. I wish I knew who did it, but I doubt we ever will."

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ARTS THE WEEK AHEAD



■ **VISUAL ART**

The "lost" Caravaggio discovered in an Irish Jesuit college goes on display at the National Gallery in London

ON SHOW: Now
REVIEW: Tomorrow



■ **POP**

Bryan Ferry, glossiest of the postmodern crooners, coasts into town at the Hammersmith Apollo

GIG: Tomorrow
REVIEW: Thursday



■ **THEATRE**

In bed with Mr and Mrs Merton: clean pyjamas ready for *The Live Bed Show* at the Garrick

OPENS: Tomorrow
REVIEW: Thursday



■ **MUSIC**

In Manchester, leading young British composer George Benjamin takes the Hallé through his new orchestral work

CONCERT: Thursday
REVIEW: Monday

TODAY'S EVENTS

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Kris Anderson

LONDON

FULL MOON: Jon Strickland plays the hero of Caradog Prichard's powerful and haunting semi-autobiographical novel, set in the slatemine districts of North Wales. Helena Kaut-Howson's Theatr Clwyd production comes to London after a sell-out tour.
Young Vic, The Cut, SE1 (0171-928 6363). Previews tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm. Opens Wed, until March 4 ◪

LUNCHTIME IN THE CITY: Treat yourself to an hour's break with a series of concerts featuring the work of 20th-century British composers. Barry Tuckwell directs the City of London Sinfonia for a programme today of Holst, Alexander Goehr and Benjamin Britten.
St Bartholomew-the-Great, West Smithfield, EC1 (0171-480-7743). Today, 1pm. Free admission.

AS YOU LIKE IT: This week offers the last chance to see Cheek by Jowl's all-male Shakespeare. Spare, inventive, endearingly funny, with Adrian Lester a ravishing Rosalind. Declan Donnellan directs.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (0171-369 1730) Tonight-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm.

ELSEWHERE

BRISTOL: Bernard Hill plays Eddie, the over-protective guardian in David Thacker's production of Miller's **A View from the Bridge**. A co-production with Birmingham Rep, where it transfers in March. With Charlotte Cornwell, Joseph Fiennes and Ivan Kaye.
Old Vic, King Street (01179 877877). Previews tonight; opens tomorrow, 7.30pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat, 2.30pm.

EDINBURGH: The Edinburgh Contemporary Arts Trust launches the **Contemporary Music European Network** tonight: a unique venture pairing German and British composers in the first of a series of European exchanges. ECAT has commissioned two new works from Scottish based composers — Marina Adamia and Simon Atkinson — for this event, which will then tour to Germany.
Queen's Hall, Clark Street (0131-668 2019) Tonight, 7.45pm ◪

SHEFFIELD: Real-life partners Anton Rodgers and Elizabeth Garvie bring the love affair of C.S. Lewis and the American poet Joy Davidman back to the stage in William Nicholson's award-winning play **Shadowlands**.
Lyceum, Norfolk Street (0742 769922) Tonight-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Thurs, 2pm and Sat, 3pm ◪

LEICESTER: Opening night for the first of two new Phyllis Nagy plays we will see this spring. **Disappeared** reconstructs the events that led up to a woman's disappearance after meeting a stranger in a rundown New York bar. Is it fate — or coincidence?
Haymarket Studio, Belgrave Gate (0533 5399797). Tonight, 7.45pm. Then Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Sat, 3.15pm. Until Feb 25.

LONDON GALLERIES

Barbican: Impressionism in Britain (0171-638-4141) . . . **British Museum:** Chinese Arms and Armour; Mexican Gallery (0171-636 1555) . . . **Courtauld:** Frank Dobson: Sculpture 1915-1954 (071-873 2526) . . . **Crafts Council.** Furniture Today: Design and Craft (071-278 7700) . . . **National Gallery**: The Age of Elegance (0171-839 3321) . . . **National Portrait Gallery:** Christina Rossetti, final week (0171-306 0055) **Richard Figan:** Poussin Before Rome (0171-930 0020) . . . **Royal Academy**: The Revival of the Palladian Style (0171-439 7438) . . . **Serpentine:** Man Ray (0171-402 6075) . . . **Tate:** New Displays 1995 (0171-887 8000) . . . **V & A**: Nehru Gallery: Streetstyle (0171-938 8500) . . . **Whitechapel:** Worlds in a Box, final week, closed Mondays (0171-522 7888)

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
◪ **Some seats available**
☐ **Seats at all prices**

☐ **THE CLANDESTINE MARRIAGE:** Nigel Hawthorne plays the dilapidated Lord Ogleby and directs a strong cast in this good-hearted comedy about 18th-century greed, snobbery and true love.
Queens, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (0171-494 5041). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm.

◪ **CREDITORS:** Incoming production from Theatre Fusion of Strindberg's play for three characters; wife, new husband and embittered former husband.
Gate, 11 Pembridge Rd, W11 (0171-229 0706) Previews tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm. Opens Wed, until Feb 25

☐ **DANGEROUS CORNER:** Keith Baxter directs an excellent cast in Priestley's psychological thriller about the grey areas in people's lives it is wiser not to probe into.
Whitehall, Whitehall, SW1 (0171-369 1735). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed 3pm and Sat 5pm Until Mar 11.

☐ **EASTER:** Strindberg's drama of shame, self-pity, penance, clairvoyant joy in nature and the freedom of springtime. Katie Mitchell directs.
Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm; mat Thurs, 2pm. ◪

◪ **FEVER PITCH:** The one-man show adapted from Nick Hornby's best-selling account of a lifelong obsession with Arsenal FC. Stephen North takes us through 45 minutes each way.
Arts, Great Newport Street, WC2 (0171-836 2132) Mon-Fri, 8pm; Sat, 6.15 and 8.30pm.

☐ **THE LIVE BED SHOW:** Arthur Smith's revised version of his 1989 Edinburgh Festival comedy. Caroline Quentin and Paul Merton play a couple on their journey towards sharing a bed.
Garrick, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (0171-494 5085). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens tomorrow, 7pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 8pm; Fri-Sat, 6.30pm, 8.45pm.

☐ **MAMA I WANT TO SING:** The longest-running Off-Broadway black musical, based on the life of the Harlem singer Doris Troy (who here plays her own mother). Cast includes the charismatic Chaka Khan.
Cambridge, Earlham Street, WC2 (0171-494 5080). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm; mats Tue and Sat, 3pm. Until Apr 8.

■ **THE MAN OF MODE:** Etherege's wittiest comedy: sex, style and even some true love. With David Westhead and Tim Potter; in rep with *The Libertine*.
Royal Court, Sloane Square, SW1 (0171-730 1745). Tonight, 7.30pm.

◪ **THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR:** Terry Hands's first production here; Denis Quilley plays the fat knight outwitted by the wives.
National (Olivier), South Bank SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight-Thurs, 7.15pm; mat Thurs, 2pm. ◪

☐ **SAVANNAH BAY:** Marguerite Duras's 1982 play for two women haunted by their past. Directed by Katrin Magrowitz for the always adventurous Koncrete Theatre Co.
New Grove, Drummonds, Euston Road, NW1 (0171-383 0925). Mon-Sat, 8pm Until Feb 25.

☐ **THE THREE LIVES OF LUCIE CABROL:** Award-winning performance from Lilo Baur in Simon McBurney's thrilling production on the loves and anguish of peasant life. Theatre de Complicite begin an international tour here.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (0171-379 5399). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm; Sat, 8pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm. ◪

◪ **THE THREEPENNY OPERA:** Phyllida Lloyd's splendidly inventive revival of Kurt Weill's opera. Tom Hollander sings Macheath and words by the team of writers customarily known as "Bertolt Brecht"
Donmar Warehouse, Earlham St, WC2 (0171-369 1732). Mon-Sat, 8pm; mats Wed and Sat, 3pm. ◪

◪ **ZORRO — THE MUSICAL:** The masked swashbuckler of comics legend returns to twirl his cape in Ken Hill's latest (and sadly last) musical romp. Sylvester McCoy also in the cast.
Theatre Royal, Gerry Raffles Square, Stratford, E15 (0181-534 0310). Now previewing, 8pm. Opens Feb 14; until Mar 18. ◪

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

I LIKE IT LIKE THAT (15): Cheerful drama of Bronx family life from debuting director Darnell Martin; with Lauren Vélez and Jon Seda.
MGMs: Fulham Road (0171-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (071-636 6148) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031)

LEON (18): Precious child shelters under a hitman's wing. Sleek, empty thriller shot in New York by French director Luc Besson. With Jean Reno, Natalie Portman and Gary Oldman.
MGMs: Chelsea (0171-352 5096) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Odeons: Odeon Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426 915574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

◆ **THE ROAD TO WELLVILLE** (18): Frolics and chicanery at a turn-of-the-century sanitarium. Overdone health food satire, with Anthony Hopkins, Bridget Fonda, Matthew Broderick. Director, Alan Parker.
Barbican ◪ (0171-638 8891) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Leicester Square** (01426 915683) **Marble Arch** (01426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

STRAW DOGS (18): Revival of Sam Peckinpah's notorious rural horror film, filmed in England with Dustin Hoffman and Susan George. It still bites.
NFT (071-928 3232)

CURRENT

BARCELONA (12): Whit Stillman's successor to *Metropolitan*, an agreeable blend of romance, politics and disco dancing, set during the early 1980s. With Taylor Nichols and Chris Eigeman.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Odeons: Haymarket** (01426-915353) **Kensington** (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

EVEN COWGIRLS GET THE BLUES (15): Unwieldy version of Tom Robbins's zany novel from cult director Gus Van Sant. Cameo-strewn cast includes Uma Thurman, Keanu Reeves, Lorraine Bracco, John Hurt, Buck Henry.
MGM Piccadilly (0171-437 3561)

◆ **INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE** (18): Tom Cruise shows Brad Pitt the vampire way of life. Dull, over-stuffed version of Anne Rice's book. Director, Neil Jordan.
Barbican ◪ (0171-638 8891) **Clapham Picture House** (0171-498 3323) **MGMs: Baker Street** (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Tottenham Court Road** (0171-636 6148) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Notting Hill Coronet** ◪ (0171-727 6705) **Screen/Green** (0171-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **ONLY YOU** (PG): Marisa Tomei chases the man of her dreams through Italy. Lazy blend of comedy, romance and travelogue, with Robert Downey Jr. Director, Norman Jewison.
MGM Chelsea (0171-352 5096)
Odeons: Kensington (01426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098) **West End** (01426-915 574) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332)

LA REINE MARGOT (18): Bloody, brooding, occasionally impressive French history lesson, with Isabelle Adjani and Daniel Auteuil. Director, Patrice Chéreau.
Curzon Mayfair (0171-369 1720) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426-914666) **Swiss Cottage** (01426 914098)

◆ **SHALLOW GRAVE** (18): Wickedly enjoyable comedy-thriller about three Edinburgh chums and a corpse loaded with money. Danny Boyle directs Kerry Fox, Christopher Eccleston and Ewan McGregor.
Clapham Picture House (0171-498 3323) **Gate** ◪ (0171-727 4043) **MGMs: Fulham Road** (0171-370 2636) **Haymarket** (0171-839 1527) **Shaftesbury Avenue** (0171-836 6279) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Screen/Baker Street** (0171-935 2772) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

◆ **STARGATE** (PG): Galactic adventures of Kurt Russell and James Spader. Preposterous, derivative but fun; with Jaye Davidson. Director, Roland Emmerich.
MGMs: Baker Street (0171-935 9772) **Chelsea** (0171-352 5096) **Trocadero** ◪ (0171-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (01426 914666) **Mezzanine** ◪ (01426 915683) **UCI Whiteleys** ◪ (0171-792 3332) **Warner** ◪ (0171-437 4343)

SUTURE: Hypnotic melodrama with avant-garde trimmings from new American film-makers Scott McGehee and David Siegel.
Everyman ◪ (0171-435 1525) **ICA** ◪ (0171-930 3647)

REGIONAL THEATRE: Urban despair in Manchester; epic revenge in Glasgow

HOWARD BARLOW



"Walker's characters perch on dustbins or battered chairs and make it quite clear from the start that the environment reflects their mood"

One absurd city much like another

Criminals in Love
Contact, Manchester

No wonder that North Americans are regularly appalled by our actors' attempts to replicate their voices. The worst of them seem to think it enough to roll their r's and speak through their noses, and the best sometimes inappropriately opt for Southern or Brooklyn accents, the subtler sounds apparently being beyond mouths long frozen by British usage.

So there is a certain relief in finding a director who admits defeat and vocally transforms a Canadian city into a northern British one. He does not even change idiom like "old-timer" and "look, lady" or references to bucks and baseball.

Yet Benjamin Twist's caution may also help to explain why the evening is so unfocused and lacking in atmosphere. George F. Walker has won award after award in Toronto and was writer-in-residence at New York's Public Theatre in the Joe Papp days. But on the evidence of his play as it unfolds here he has little of the energy of his compatriots Judith Thompson and Brad Fraser, each of whom seems bolder and tougher when it comes to evoking urban despair.

Something much milder, a sort of municipal ennui, is haphazardly scattered along Nick Sargent's thin, wide set. The characters perch on dustbins or battered chairs and sofa-beds in front of what appear to be towering slats of flimsy concrete, and make it clear from the start that the environment reflects their mood.

George Sida's Junior Dawson emerges from a heated fumble inside his girlfriend's jumper to tell us that he comes from eff-all and is headed back there too. And then a slumped figure, a bum played by Tim Preece, wakes up with a yell of "please don't kill me, don't make me eat garbage". Toronto, Manchester, wherever it may be, this is a pretty depressing place.

It is, however, also meant to be an amusingly absurd one. Junior's father (dopily beaming Ian Mercer) is a criminal incompetent ("can't even steal hubcaps") who orders him to join in a food-robbery at Salvation Army headquarters. At the head of this operation is his aunt (lively Ellen Thomas), a superannuated Black Panther who talks nostalgically of Chicago 1968 and more purposefully of destroying the world. So to a denouement that contrives to suggest, probably inadvertently, that a terrorist bomb can go off without hurting those in its immediate vicinity or vastly unsettling the city of Toronto or Manchester.

By now the play and production have jointly descended into implausibility and incoherence. Shavian-style, the bum has been revealed as a moral philosopher with a large bank account, but his musings on social injustice and other such topics lack Shavian bite. Sida's Junior goes on moping and wanly depending on Eve Steele, who plays his girlfriend. One of her chums (Debra Penny) turns abortively to prostitution. It is hard to care, to laugh, or even to see much point in it all.

Could a more intense production on a tighter, smaller stage have made a difference? Some, I suspect. But the emergence of fresh Canadian voices since 1984, when *Criminals in Love* picked up its best-play award, exposes the relative looseness of Walker's writing. Where they fizz, this simply fizzles.

BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

Cheated at the death

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AT THE end of Middleton's murky tragedy most of the surviving characters fall down like nine-pins. The Duke of Florence drinks the poison intended for his brother, the Cardinal; his newly-married duchess, Bianca, swallows what is left of it. Her jealous first husband has been skewered in the previous scene, and the gallant who skewered him is shot down by arrows from a pair of cupids during the nuptial feast.

An unusual nemesis awaits the gallant's sister, Livia, a lusty widow who united him incestuously with his niece. When descending from the roof as the goddess Juno, she is overcome by poisoned incense — having, just beforehand, fatally scalded the niece with flaming gold. This grimly comical crescendo of purposes mistook is just the sort of scene you would expect Philip Prowse to seize upon as a gorgeously excessive climax to a play that excoriates a host of exceedingly bad sins.

To the dismay of anyone anticipating this excitement — and, what is worse, to the confusion of anyone unfamiliar with the play — Prowse cuts the wedding masque, cupids and all. Most unlike him to sidestep an opportunity for death-dealing cupids. And in place of murder by flaming gold, etc, characters open trapdoors and descend a few steps into them: a token indication of them going to their graves.

This abbreviated climax brings the play in at two and a half hours, including interval, and sends a signal that someone has looked at his watch and said, "Okay, we'll end the play right now". There may be theological sense in making sinners step voluntarily into their graves. But this is my cerebral afterthought. While the deaths were happening, my reaction was one of deflation and my companion, not knowing the story, sat baffled.

Earlier, Prowse (his own designer) provides a grand image, typical of his boldness in visualising a mood. Picking up the image where a strumpet is likened to "a goodly temple That's built on vaults where carcasses lie rotting", Prowse suspends rails over the stage, from which hang corpses far gone in decay. Florence itself becomes a strumpet city, where a cuckolded husband can be bought off with promotion, and a glance from a duke will set a dutiful wife daydreaming.

Victoria Scarborough gives the once dutiful Bianca a persuasive development — from sweet-voiced bride, radiant in her beauty, shocked into a ducal near-rape when her diction becomes piteously slurred, and emerging as a fierce, unbridled killer. She could make more of one of her dazed last lines, "What make I here?". But the performance gives a sturdy central line to the play. Gerrard McArthur purrs dangerously as the Duke; Colin Wells and Henry Ian Cusick provide well-defined variants of corruption.

Anne Lambton's Livia presents the character clearly but lacks richness of voice. They all deserved to die more stylishly.

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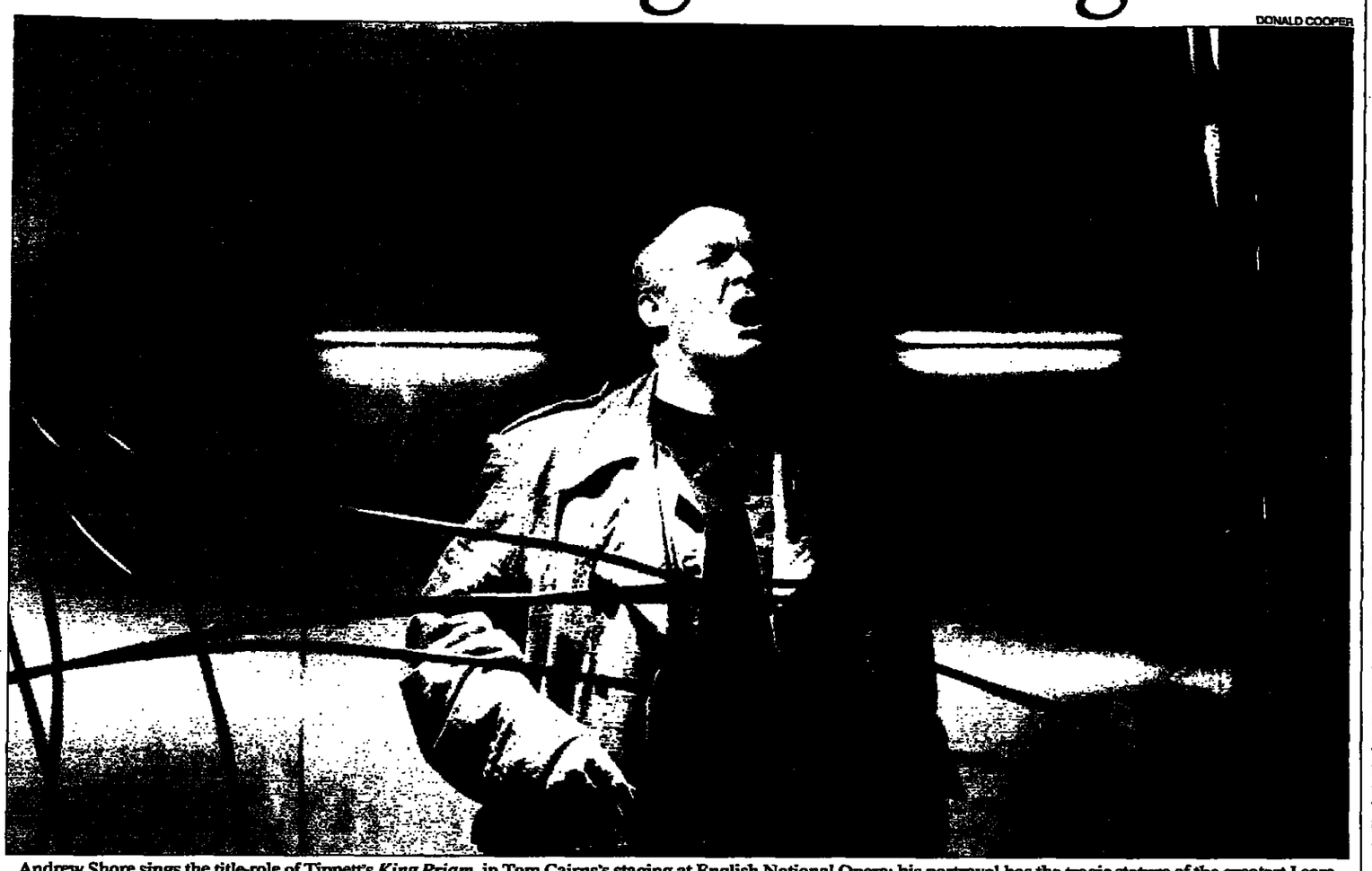
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Heroes stumbling to slaughter

OPERA: Richard Morrison reviews a stunning revival at the Coliseum of *King Priam*, Sir Michael Tippett's Trojan War epic



DONALD COOPER

Andrew Shore sings the title-role of Tippett's *King Priam*, in Tom Cairns's staging at English National Opera: his portrayal has the tragic stature of the greatest Lears

Tippett says that his 1962 Trojan opera is about "the mysterious nature of human choice". That's one way of describing it. Another would be to say that the road to hell is paved with good intentions. For in *King Priam* there are no villains and plenty of heroes — yet this epic work ends as comfortlessly as anything in opera.

Kings, warriors, parents and lovers have all made decisions that they hope will enhance what they cherish. But at each turn they are thwarted, as in some dark Hardy novel. Malignant fate brings about the very opposite of their desires. Priam's beloved Troy is annihilated; his sons slaughtered. But the Greeks, too, have lost their finest warriors. Bloodlust has triumphed, not mankind; and ignorant armies clash by night.

And when people ask, as they do throughout this opera in one way or another, "what's it all for?", there is no answer. Paris's love for Helen? This, the "cause" of the war, is marginalised in the opera. Just as A.J.P. Taylor's *The Origins of the Second World War* (which came out a year before Tippett's opera) provocatively pointed to a string of miscalculations as the cause of the greatest of modern conflicts, so *King Priam* does much the same for the greatest of ancient conflicts.

Yet Tippett, despite his avowed pacifism, laudably avoids the easy path of satirising armed conflict. This is no *Oh! What a Lovely Trojan War*. His libretto bristles with courageous words and deeds (significantly, the mean trick of the wooden horse is omitted), just as his score rings harshly to the sounds of bloodstained glory: the spectacular fanfares that echo from the opera's opening bars onwards, for instance, or Achilles's bloodcurdling war-cry at Act II's conclusion. Tippett the man may be repulsed by war; Tippett the composer is fascinated.

This moral complexity is what makes *King Priam* such good music-drama, especially in a staging as cogent as that devised by Tom Cairns for Opera North four years ago, and now revived by English National Opera with an even stronger cast conducted with consummate authority by Paul Daniel. Cairns stages the work in a series of abstract sets, replete with "symbols" (glowing totem-pole; giant, upturned vase) that mean as much as you want them to mean. His characters often assume the stylised gestures of Greek-urn figures. But there is no self-consciousness about this, and when they are hit by hammer-blows of misfortune they react with affecting poignancy.

One thinks particularly of the open-mouthed, stunned horror that Andrew Shore's Priam displays as yet another unforeseen consequence sends him reeling into madness. But then, Shore's performance is outstanding in every respect. In fact his Priam has the tragic stature of the greatest Lears, and for much the same reasons.

Around him all is solid: Christopher Booth-Jones's stirring, action-man Hector; Christopher Ventris's Paris, desperate to regain his father's love; a marvellously ardent Achilles from Thomas Randle, particularly in the celebrated "guitar" lament and the strange "toast to death" with Priam (the opera's only moments of real gentleness); and Janice Cairns and Susan Bickley strong and baleful as those stoic wives Hecuba and Andromache.

Jean Rigby looked and sounded a bit sullen for a face that launched a thousand ships, though her long aria was well sustained. But Mark Curtis was admirably seedy as Hermes, the "divine go-between" (one of Tippett's less happy lines).

Yes, the opera has weaknesses. Despite the best endeavours of Ethna Robinson, Richard Van Allan and John Daszak, one tires of those Brechtian characters who insist on coming forward between every scene to tell us what we should be thinking. When all this alienation is extended to a chorus of wedding guests in modern dress, so much the worse. But Cairns's fluid, gripping production mostly sweeps all before it. The opera is a wonderful overture to Tippett's 90th-birthday festival; and Sir Michael was present on Friday to enjoy the riot of applause.

OVERTURES

Prized in the valleys

SURPRISE winner of the £75,000 Prudential Award for the Arts, presented last night at the Olivier Theatre, was the Vale of Glamorgan Music Festival, based at St Donats, Bridgend. The small Welsh festival beat off challenges from the West Yorkshire Playhouse, the BFI Production Board, Camden Arts Centre, Dance Umbrella and Glyndebourne Education. The judges, chaired by Sir Bob Scott, praised the Vale of Glamorgan Festival for its "programming, coupled with the quality of the performances and the presence of the composers themselves at the festival." Sir Michael Tippett has been given this year's Prudential/Arts Council Award.

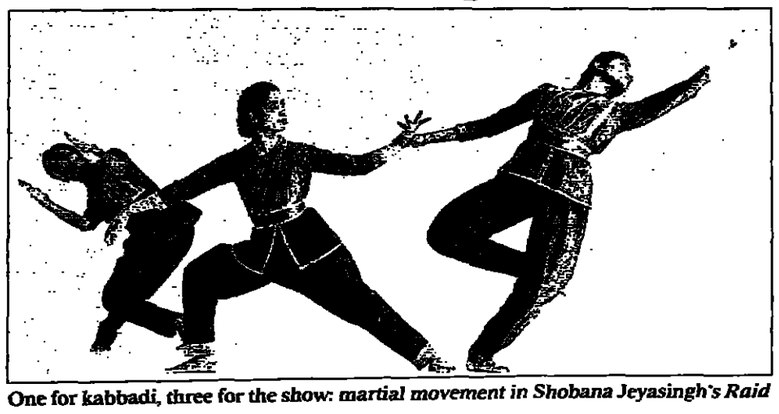
● ALL change in West End theatreland. **Edward Albee's** *Three Tall Women*, already extending its sell-out run at Wyndham's until April 22, may return in the autumn — with its starry cast headed by **Maggie Smith** and **Frances de la Tour** — for a further limited West End run, though not necessarily at Wyndham's. Wyndham's, meanwhile, may host the Greenwich production of *The Duchess of Malfi* with **Simon Russell Beale** and **Juliet Stevenson**. That should transfer for six weeks from April 24.

American dramatist **Tracy Letts's** *Killer Joe* moves to the Vaudeville on February 16 for an initial run of six weeks, in what is the first Bush transfer to the West End since *Beautiful Thing* last autumn. The violent play opened to rave reviews last month in the wake of the no-less-violent premiere of **Sarah Kane's** *Blasted*. But whereas *Killer Joe's* onward life is now assured, that of *Blasted* is not: idle speculation about a five-week run at the Ambassadors of the controversial Royal Court play looks misplaced.

● THE late, great drummer **Buddy Rich** is the most recent recipient of that dubious honour, the tribute album. But *Burning for Buddy*, released this week by East West, should hold genuine interest for fans of the American maestro, who died in 1987. Produced by Neil Peart of the Canadian rock band Rush, it features such diverse guest drummers as Max Roach, Bill Bruford and Bill Cobham in performances with the Buddy Rich Big Band.

● NOW that his commercial standing has been revived by *The Streets Of Philadelphia*, **Bruce Springsteen** is releasing his first-ever *Greatest Hits* collection. The 15-track album will carry material ranging back to 1975's "Born To Run".

Score not enough to draw



One for kabbadi, three for the show: *martial movement in Shobana Jeyasingh's Raid*

DANCE

Shobana Jeyasingh
Playhouse, Nottingham

THE FIRST part of Shobana Jeyasingh Dance Company's touring programme, *Making of Maps*, made in 1992, is so exquisite, so accomplished, that anything which follows risks being a poor relation. And that is the fate of Jeyasingh's new piece, *Raid*, which takes as its starting point the popular Indian street game called kabbadi.

There are two teams in kabbadi, where designated players try to "raid" the opposing team's territory without getting caught. Jeyasingh knits her dance with the game's combat postures, runs and encirclings, but avoids the trap of repeating the players' confrontations so often that they become a monotonous formula. Instead she frequently pulls the game into the background, focusing on units of pure movement that might echo kabbadi's links with Indian martial arts or derive from Bharatha Natyam, the Indian classical dance that is Jeyasingh's own background.

The switches from game to dance can be disorientating at first. Moreover, although Jeyasingh has an eye for composing stage patterns, the results are more fluid, less graphic than in *Making Of Maps*, where she plays with group unison, counterpoint and fragmentation to produce arresting tableaux, and where the dancers etch the most ravishing geometries, their outlines silhouetted in the changing climate of Mike Seignior's lighting.

Jeyasingh's six dancers, fine-boned as gazelles, are also flatteringly lit by Tina MacHugh for *Raid*; but the piece's most likeable component is the two scores by Ilaiyaraaja and Glyn Perrin respectively. These come together in the middle section, a hiatus like half-time in a match, in which pairs of dancers evolve in slow, calm shapes and Perrin's Western violin duo (played live) spreads a smooth, plangent layer over Ilaiyaraaja's taped Indian percussion.

Elsewhere, Ilaiyaraaja's rousing score stands on its own and includes rhythmic chants which mirror another kabbadi rule: that a "raider" can escape capture as long as he can repeat words such as "kabbadi" without drawing breath.

Jeyasingh's mission is to update the ancient language of Bharatha Natyam — traditionally a solo dance — and make it represent more faithfully her own reality as an Indian living in Britain. *Making of Maps* fulfils that objective with vivid perfection. The opposing territories implicit in *Raid* might equally be a discreet metaphor for East meeting West. But the dance does not achieve enough variety and richness to sustain interest.

NADINE MEISNER

CONCERTS: Bruckner at one with the audience; Enescu's European union

Glorious ascent on golden ladder

Vienna PO/Haitink
Festival Hall

ANY performance of Bruckner's Eighth Symphony invariably creates a bond between orchestra and audience. The nearest comparison I know is with the chemistry in an evening of Indian classical music. Within its totally different discipline, the listeners become part of the creative process in the quality of their concentration.

They are able to do so because Bruckner's 90-minute symphony stands alone, without interval and without peripheral distraction — and, of course, because it has the potential for what one can only call the transcendental.

That potential was richly fulfilled on Thursday by the Vienna Philharmonic, conducted by Bernard Haitink, in the second concert of its third Festival Hall series. This orchestra responded fascinatingly to Haitink's lucid, sensuous — but essentially ascetic — way with Bruckner.

Every theme and group of themes in the first movement moved with a light agility: there was no sense of the brass heaving one sequence over another, of Bruckner's favourite little curled cadence becoming a mannerism. Here, at last, was the glory of Bruckner's true minimalism: pacing and voicing, tempo and texture were as interrelated as every fragment of music, and scaled by Haitink to live within the awed hush of beginning and end.

Haitink's clarity of sight was matched by the clarity of focus of the VPO's strings. The upbeat of cellos and violas to the Scherzo, the violins' ebb and flow of breath, set the rustic ritual of the brass into high relief. The slow movement, for all its ever-building and ever-dissolving strata of harmony, could have been a long, single melody, sung through to its great golden Jacob's Ladder of an apotheosis.

And Haitink's finale? It seemed less a wonderful accumulation of episodes than a single story, told in different ways to different ears, until all the stages of the journey were recalled, and we knew the place for the first time.

HILARY FINCH

East, west, Enescu's best

CBSO/Foster
Birmingham

ENESCU'S Second Symphony is not a work that a wise conductor would want to perform with just any orchestra. It is a long and stressfully complicated score which, in the outer movements at least, requires a considerable investment of faith in the ultimate value of its proliferating developments and structural diversions. As Lawrence Foster demonstrated with the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra — to a cheering audience in Symphony Hall — it is also abundant in lyrical inspiration and highly effective in its long-term structure.

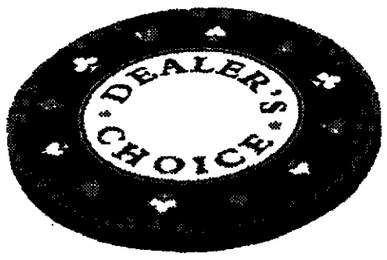
Stylistic problems remained: although the idiomatic conflict between the Romanian and West European elements are cleverly presented as the underlying dialectic of the symphony, Enescu's allegiance clearly shifts halfway through from Strauss to something more like Mahler. It was the great quality of this performance that in the latter half of the work, which (as the third movement indicates) was written after the outbreak of the First World War, Foster was able to motivate the CBSO not only into a meaningful recollection of earlier themes but also into a convincing renewal of the pre-war hedonism of the first movement. The significance of the recurrent ideas had changed in the light of intervening bitter experience, but Enescu's optimism was confirmed.

After so much exposure of personal sensitivity and instrumental virtuosity, and so much work done in accumulating and profiling the climaxes, this was no mean feat. Clearly not in the best of health — he had conducted a paradoxically buoyant performance of Cherubini's *Anacreon* Overture while sitting down — Foster gave the responsibility for directing Beethoven's Fourth Piano Concerto to the soloist. Since Jean-Bernard Pommier is more experienced and more skilled than most pianists in the art of conducting from the keyboard, Foster had nothing to worry about.

As it happened, however, this was not the happiest example of what Pommier can do, his own playing lacking in definition and the orchestra not always quite sure where the next downbeat was about to fall. Even so, it was an interpretation with a unanimity of expressive purpose that is rarely achieved in any other way.

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Inflaming the issue



SCIENCE BRIEFING

Nigel Hawkes

HERE'S a puzzle. A group of drugs proves effective in a series of trials against Alzheimer's disease, and nobody takes any notice at all.

This sounds impossible. Alzheimer's is the disease we all dread, the slow loss of intellectual function in life's final lap. Drug companies are falling over themselves to devise products that might delay the process by even a month or two, aware that they would be a money-spinner.

The paradox is easily explained. The drugs that show promise in the trials are old anti-inflammatories long used to treat arthritis. They include ibuprofen, indomethacin, and even aspirin: the group known collectively as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs. These are cheap, readily available, and in many cases, out of patent. They offer limited opportunities for profit, so we have not seen the large-scale trials that would be needed to prove their efficacy against Alzheimer's.

The story started in the late 1980s, when a number of people noticed that if you have arthritis, the risk of your contracting Alzheimer's are significantly reduced. Dr Patrick McGeer of the University of British Columbia studied a group of 7,490 patients with rheumatoid arthritis and found only 0.39 per cent had Alzheimer's. The expected proportion for this age group — all were over 64 — was 2.7 per cent.

Last year Dr John Breitner of Duke University reported in *Neurology* that the onset of Alzheimer's in 50 pairs of elderly twins depended on each twin's history of taking anti-inflammatories. "We found that the twins who had used anti-inflammatory drugs had four times greater likelihood of being the later-affected or the non-affected member of the pair. For identical twins, there was a ten-to-one difference."

The latest evidence comes from Dr Jill Rich of Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore. She studied 210 patients, all diagnosed with probable or possible Alzheimer's, and found that those taking NSAIDs tended to get the disease later, and their mental capacities declined more slowly as measured by tests of verbal fluency, visual recognition and memory.

If this effect is real, how does it come about? Some researchers believe that the damage done to the brain by Alzheimer's has a strong inflammatory element, so simply damping that down would help. Another possibility is that free radicals, highly reactive substances created by metabolism, do the damage, and NSAIDs are known to mop them up.

Another possibility is that the benefit is the result of slowing another form of dementia, caused by a series of small strokes in the brain's blood vessels. In that case, the results may be explained by misdiagnosis: the patients do not actually have Alzheimer's at all.

Nobody is yet suggesting that old people should dose themselves with anti-inflammatories — though many already take aspirin as a protection against heart disease. Dr Claudia Kawas, co-author of the study, argues that we need to know more before we can be sure the drugs really make a difference. What a pity the drug industry does not have an interest in finding out.

Gay prints



HOMOSEXUAL groups were irate last year when Simon LeVay, of the Institute of Gay and Lesbian Education in Los Angeles, said that he had found physiological differences in the brains of male homosexuals. The gay groups would rather believe that their sexual orientation is a matter of choice rather than biology.

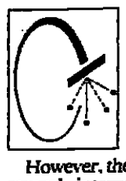
Now psychologists from the University of Western Ontario have found an even more striking difference. Gay men are more likely than straight men to show asymmetry in their fingerprints.

The difference arises in the number of ridges found in the fingerprint. Men normally have more ridges than women, and in both sexes the ridge count is higher on the right than the left hand. Drs Jeff Hall and Doreen Kimura report in *Behavioural Neuroscience*.

But women are more likely than men to buck the trend and have a higher count on the left hand. The two found that this also applies to gay men. They took fingerprints from 182 heterosexual and 66 homosexual men. Only 14 per cent of the straight men showed this asymmetry — more ridges on the left hand — but 30 per cent of the homosexuals did — comparable to the level among women.

Why should this be? The theory is that characteristics that differ between the sexes are at least partially determined in the womb, by hormones. Thus sexuality and fingerprints may both be the result of the precise combination of hormones experienced before we are born.

Atomic blast



AN experiment at the Rutherford Appleton Laboratory in Oxfordshire has found traces of a new particle which lies outside today's physical theories.

However, the evidence is open to several interpretations, and the physicists are not ready to crack open the champagne just yet.

The experiment that has found the ghostly traces is run by the Karlsruhe Nuclear Research Centre, with the universities of Erlangen, Karlsruhe and Oxford, and Queen Mary and Westfield College, London. Protons generated by the accelerator at RAL hit a metal target, and a detector filled with petroleum is used to observe the neutrinos indirectly produced.

The group has seen plenty of neutrinos, says Professor John Edgington of Queen Mary. But over the past four years, it has also seen about 100 other particles, which appear as flashes in the detector a few microseconds later. They appear, he says, to be about one thirtieth the mass of the proton and cannot be explained by the standard model of the atom.

So is this a new particle, and is the standard model for the high jump? "I am cautious," admits Professor Edgington. "It's a very difficult thing to stick your neck out until you are absolutely sure. In my view, we'll probably find something in the standard model to explain it, but it's got to the point where we've decided to publish the observations."

The man who died for treasure island

The death of Andrew Lees has focused attention on the unique wonders of Madagascar, says **Christine Orengo**



Dedicated: Andrew Lees

On New Year's Eve, an African guide watched Andrew Lees, a dedicated environmental campaigner, track down a steep slope into the remote Petriky Forest, in southern Madagascar. It was the last time anybody saw Lees alive — soon afterwards he had a fatal heart attack.

It is a sad irony that it took his death to focus public attention on a magical island which is a treasure chest of rare and exotic flowers and creatures endangered largely by the crushing poverty of its people.

The 1,000 miles of Madagascar broke loose from the African mainland about 150 million years ago. This isolation made it a natural laboratory for many bizarre evolutionary experiments. There is more diversity on the island than anywhere else on the globe. It contained many creatures that lived in Gondwanaland — the ancient superland that later became Africa, South America, Australia and the peninsula of India.

Settlers arriving in Madagascar from Indonesia and Africa about 1,500 years ago would have found the place covered in lush forests and teeming with life. They were responsible for the first wave of environmental destruction. Many fantastic creatures were hunted to extinction — including lemurs the size of giant gorillas, miniature hippopotami, 26ft-long crocodile and several species of flightless birds including the amazing "elephant bird".

On Madagascar evolution did not follow the African line that led to man, but an earlier line leading to the lemurs. These are pre-monkeys, like the bush-babies and pottos of mainland Africa. On their giant island they were safe from competition by larger mammals; there were no monkeys, no carnivores, no hoofed animals.

Like the few other mammals present, the lemurs had been washed up from the sea on logs, having drifted out on the floodwaters of African rivers. Although they are primates, like monkeys, and have the same forward-facing eyes, they do not have the round skulls but instead long skulls and snouts more suited to smell.

Constant pressures from humans for land has meant the destruction of more than 85 per cent of Madagascar's forests and the central plateau is today a denuded, barren, man-made prairie.

Despite the onslaught, however, there is still a phenomenal diversity of wildlife. The eastern region is covered in dense rainforest. Along the western coast, there is deciduous woodland. And in the south is the surreal spiny desert, a bizarre cactus-land.

It is this variety that supports the plethora of wildlife. Nearly 90 per cent of the plant and animal species are unique. Two-thirds of the world's chameleons are found in Madagascar, while nearly 99 per cent of the frog and reptile species are not found anywhere else. Birds and bats are more mobile, and share half their species with Africa. Insect-eating tenrecs are found here — the oldest line of placental mammals. Among the flowering plants, 81 per cent are unique.

But the most magical of the creatures are the lemurs. There are 40 known species, varying in size from the mouse lemur, several of which would fit into a teacup when young, to the spectacular indri, 40in tall and capable of leaping 30ft. The rarest and weirdest of all is the aye-aye, which has incisors like a beaver, wide ears like a bat, and an extremely long middle finger adapted for digging insects from the tree trunks. The Malagasi villagers see the skeleton hand as a spirit of death, and ill-omen. Although the aye-aye now inhabit the island sanctuary of Nose Mangabe, there may be fewer than a dozen left.

Madagascar has been called a Noah's Ark adrift in the Indian Ocean. It is an apt and poetic description. But beyond its aesthetic appeal, the island represents a phenomenal powerhouse for zoological and botanical research. A study of the diverse lemur species alone would shed much light on primate development elsewhere. Its many unique plant and animal species can provide essential clues to different modes of evolutionary adaptation.

Madagascar is perhaps the most important zoo on earth. Preserving its treasures requires considerable financial support from the international community. The country is desperately poor. With one of the highest birthrates in the world, the population is expected to double in the next three decades. The fate of its wildlife is closely tied to that of its people. Rising population, crushing international debt and diminished exports have created huge pressures to turn more forests into rice paddies.

A Noah's Ark adrift in the Indian Ocean

Shifting agriculture accounts for a loss of about 400,000 acres of forest each year. Furthermore, the traditional Malagasi farming method *(tavy)* involves slashing down trees and burning the lands. Slash/burn fields require at least eight years to recover, but villagers often repeat *tavy* every four years to meet growing demands for rice. Scientists have already predicted that by 2015, half the environmentally-important regions will have been lost.

Environmental education is urgently required. Several projects have been launched by World Wide Fund for Nature and Conservation International. These aim to educate schoolchildren that planting trees will encourage rain and improve soil fertility. It will need much effort and resources.

More importantly, unless the economic pressures on Madagascar are lifted, there is no hope of saving the forests. It takes half the value of all exports simply to repay the interest on the island's international debt.

It is easy to understand why damaging mining projects such as that proposed by RTZ are considered by the Government as a quick solution to ease the debt and boost the economy. However, as Sir David Attenborough has pointed out, there are alternative solutions, such as ecotourism. It is folly, as he says, to choose a project which will bring revenue for only 40 years but destroys a large resource which could bring revenues from ecotourism in perpetuity.

Additionally, the forests offer huge promise of potential wealth as sources of new medicinal compounds. The rosy periwinkle, which is unique to Madagascar, has yielded chemicals which are important in the treatment of leukaemia and other cancers.

Another plant, *Haronga madagascariensis*, has been refined into the drug Harunganin, used for stomach disorders. A native weed, *Centella asiatica*, has been refined into the wound-healing drug, Madecassol.

Friends of the Earth has called for a two-year moratorium on the mining project while alternative environmentally-sensitive development strategies are researched. At the same time it has set up an Andrew Lees memorial fund to help to improve educational and research projects in the Petriky Forest. It may mean that his death will help to save one of the world's last great natural wonders.

● *Dr Orengo was the fiancée of Andrew Lees.*

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From the exotic wonderland — this extraordinary caterpillar is just one of the creatures which make Madagascar a natural laboratory

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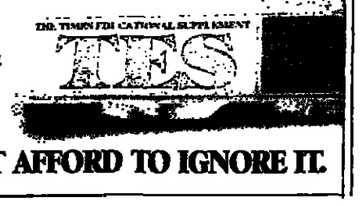
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What on Earth are we doing outside the space race?

Anjana Ahuja reports on an embarrassing blast-off for Britain

THE flawless test-firing ten days ago of the Ariane 5 cryogenic rocket engine — nicknamed the "battleship test" — may have caused whoops around Europe but it was a painful moment for British scientists.

As an excited clutch of engineers, executives and journalists celebrated in Kourou, French Guiana, few lingered to look at the 12 flags represented on a glass plaque dedicated to the Ariane 5 project. The Union Jack was not among them.

For financial reasons, Britain opted out of the Ariane 5 project at a 1987 meeting of the European Space Agency (ESA). France, through its space agency CNES, holds the biggest stake and has been the most vociferous supporter of pan-European space ventures.

Britain also politely, and wisely, declined any involvement in the Hermes and Columbus spacecrafts. Although these projects have stalled, the realisation that Britain is not part of Ariane 5's textbook-perfect progress is gradually dawning.

One irony is that the payload for the new European rocket's maiden launch in November is the Cluster experiment, a fleet of four spacecraft which will wander through the Earth's magnetosphere. Three of the 11 experiments on board are from British universities. "We feel a bit like gatecrashers, being launched by a European rocket that we haven't even contributed to," says Andre Balogh, from Imperial College, who heads the magnetic field experiment.

Maurice Delahais is an ESA veteran, having for many years headed the scientific division at its headquarters in The Netherlands. Now the ESA representative in French Guiana, he sees the absence of Britain in Ariane 5 as a short-sighted mistake.

"This is the future of European space," he says. "Britain is excluded from a vital part of the programme. It can try to catch up, although it will have to do so quickly to avoid being cold-shouldered altogether."

The disappointment at Britain's self-imposed exclusion from future space projects, voiced by many eminent scientists, could not have surfaced at a more embarrassing time. As ESA celebrates its 20th birthday this year, rumours abound that Britain may be forced to leave it.

Only last month the British National Space Centre sent out a glossy circular praising Britain's extra-terrestrial achievements. If there is no resolution of the funding problems soon, then space scientists will have to get used to gatecrashing.

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When Europe fell to the buccaneers

Edith Wharton was ideally qualified to describe the lives of American adventurers, writes **Robin Jenks**

At the start of this century there were at least 454 American women who had married into the European aristocracy. They were the real adventurers who inspired Edith Wharton to write her last, unfinished, novel *The Buccaneers*.

The story, which is being serialised on BBC television on Sundays, tells of a group of vivacious American girls, snubbed by New York society because their riches are "new money", who conquer English society in the 1870s.

Wharton knew the phenomenon well. American beauties with money were highly prized as brides in Europe. By 1900 there were 42 American princesses, 17 duchesses, 19 viscountesses, 33 marchionesses, 46 ladies (the wives of baronets or knights), 64 baronesses and 136 countesses. This was a rich haul for the invaders and usually a happy outcome for their willing victims.



Consuelo Vanderbilt, pushed into marrying a duke; and (below) the BBC *Buccaneers*



Europeans made no distinction between old and new money. To them there were only rich Americans and poor Americans. If beauty went with money, as it often did, that was all to the good. If not, then a good dressmaker and a display of jewels could make the plainest girl attractive. Most of the time it was the best sort of transaction. The American girls wanted titles and the English men wanted money and healthy wives.

Money and good looks, however, were not all that the Americans had to offer. There was another quality, defined by them as "snap". They were well educated, enjoyed freedom and were fun to be with. For the young Englishman expected to marry a girl straight from the schoolroom, they made a welcome and exhilarating change. And they knew how to get on with men.

That does not mean that their virginity was in doubt, for they understood that it was a prized commodity. But this did not prevent them from indulging in minor sexual activities. They knew what men were like and they liked them for it.

Not all the matches were motivated by money. Love often intruded. When the beautiful *Jenny Jerome* met Lord Randolph Churchill at Cowes they became secretly engaged three days later. Neither of their families were happy about the match.

Jenny's father, Leonard Jerome, was a Wall Street wheeler-dealer who made and lost several fortunes in New York while his wife and children lived in Paris. The Churchill family was not impressed and disliked things even more when Jerome refused to settle money on the couple if Jenny could not control it. Happily for the lovers, the marriage went ahead and Jenny gave birth to Winston Churchill.

The need to keep up Blenheim Palace led to there being three American Duchesses of Marlborough. The first was one of America's richest widows, Lily Hammersley, who was recommended by Lord Randolph as "she has a lot of tin". The tin was soon converted into the lead needed to repair the 14 acres of roof of her extensive home. She put in central heating, too, and averted her eyes from the *portraits of her husband's* mistresses. She knew what she was there for.

Consuelo Vanderbilt was pushed into becoming the duchess by her ruthless mother, who had broken up *her affair with the man she* really loved. She spent the morning of her sumptuous wedding in tears and soon found herself marooned in the dullness of English aristocratic rural life. Consuelo eventually escaped into a happy second marriage to a commoner and was supplanted by the third American duchess, *Gladys Deacon*, the daughter of a millionaire banker from Boston.

Gladys, renowned for both her beauty and intellect, *refused to* stay at home and became the toast of Europe.

Minnie Stevens was an early real-life "buccaneer". *Her mother was* the rich widow of a hotel owner and was rumoured to have once been a chambermaid. Denied access to New York society, Mrs Paran Stevens sailed to England, where she successfully launched Minnie on a glittering round of balls, picnics and parties.

Soon Minnie and the Prince of Wales were dancing together and the 18-year-old beauty started on a seven-year hunt for a husband. She flirted with dukes, earls and barons but finally had to settle for Colonel Arthur Paget from the Brigade of Guards. All the same, her position was assured as a member of the Prince's set and she went on to take a prominent place in London society.

Minnie had a younger brother, Harry, who became engaged to the only daughter of the formidable Lucretia Rhinelander Jones, of New York. Mrs Stevens was now riding high but had not forgotten that she had been snubbed by Lucretia, who had helped to exclude her daughter from the social round. The engagement was broken off and Lucretia's daughter, Edith, went on to marry Teddy Wharton. Fifty years later Edith took up her pen to chronicle the lives of the buccaneers.



PETER TREVNOR

Christabel Albery: without the right tax breaks and a London film commission, she says, huge prospective earnings from tourism are being lost

London's shooting star

Margot Norman meets the woman who believes there's money for us all in the movies

Imagine the outcry if Gillian Shephard were to tell the Education Select Committee she couldn't remember when she last set foot in a school, or if Brian Mawhinney told the transport committee it was years since he'd taken a train. It says much about the newly confident state of the British audio-visual industry that Sydney Samuelson, the British Film Commissioner, didn't squeal when Stephen Dorrell told the Arts and Heritage Select Committee last week that he couldn't remember when he last saw a film.

Unlike right-wingers on the committee who have come round to the tax breaks the industry wants, he didn't even groan. On the contrary, Mr Samuelson has high hopes of Mr Dorrell, the seventh minister in his three and a half years as commissioner to assume responsibility for boosting Britain's share of the industry that is about to overtake aviation as America's biggest export earner. "He may be no filmgoer, but he's an intelligent Treasury man who understands money, and that's what matters."

That the industry is now talking money, and has given up on anguished pleas for Art and Culture by knighted luvvies, is largely due to the efforts of Sydney Samuelson and Christabel Albery. He is the industry's elder statesman; she is a film and television producer who dropped everything to get a film commission for London off the ground. (She has now secured promises for half the £250,000 a year she needs: that's the stage when a producer trying to get a film "up" knows it will actually happen.)

He has been in the business since before he was born in 1925, when his father, a producer, cast his pregnant *mother in Rider Haggard's She*: young Sydney started as a cameraman and went on to found Samuelsons, now the world's biggest audio-visual equipment supply organisation. She is part of the Albery showbusiness clan, with theatre and film in her blood. *Between them* they know what they are talking about, and they're talking big money for Britain.

Anyone making a film, a commercial or a *television production* typically spends £50,000 to £65,000 a day on local labour and services. London can make £25 million in six months from a single feature film shot here rather than in Hollywood or New York. The European end of the filmed entertainment business is projected to grow from £30 billion to £80 billion within 15 years.

Britain could take at least £10 billion of that, and double its 250,000-strong specialist workforce, Christabel Albery says. All it has to do is tackle the two reasons (apart from the exchange rate) why foreign film investors choose not to shoot here. Tax breaks lure them elsewhere in Europe, most gallingly to Ireland. (Mel Gibson's *Brave Heart* is one of several big films to have got away recently for that reason.)

Cumbersome red tape, especially in London, which is where 80 per cent of British film action takes place, makes this a hard place to film in. That is Miss Albery's and Mr Samuelson's pigeon and they are getting on with tackling it. As Sydney *Samuelson defines it*, a film commission should be a one-stop shop where, with one fax or phone call from anywhere in the world, a film-maker can set up *his locations*, find the ideal fairy castle for his Cinderella remake or arrange a London street scene, and at the same time fix accommodation for the crew. Instant response is the key to success, not bureaucratic dithering, non-cooperation or the sort of profiteering that some boroughs have engaged in. For example, Lambeth banned night filming, Hackney demanded £1,000 a day for suspending parking meters and Southwark tried charging £2,000 a day for use of a public highway.

> With film-makers, instant response is the key to success

The London Film Commission will have a big job on its plate, but it's a job crying out to be done. The New York Film Commission boosted film activity there by more than 30 per cent in four years. In Utah, the long-established film commission claims to bring in $108 for every $1 that it spends.

None of this will happen, though, if Mr Dorrell turns a deaf ear to what Miss Albery has been telling the select committee. Specifically, she wants *film-makers to be released from having* to wait three years before they can offset their production costs against tax. She wants the Inland Revenue to treat foreign film stars like Jack Nicholson (who won't perform here because of the tax penalties) in the *same way as they already treat foreign* rock stars who come here. And she wants a 10 per cent tax break on the British bits of a multinational production's costs.

Earnings from tourism, she thinks, could finally bring Mr Dorrell on side. With the hotel bedroom in *Four Weddings and a Funeral* booked out until 1997 and American tour operators building tours round the Golden Valley as seen in Shadowlands, film-inspired tourism could be big business. Kevin Costner's *Field of Dreams*, a remote spot in Iowa, *is now a heritage* park bringing in 100,000 visitors.

As Miss Albery says: "Ninety-five per cent of Americans still haven't been outside North America. What will make them travel? Not a tourist ad, but a film like *Crocodile Dundee*, which was like a two-hour commercial full of Australian backdrops and boosted American visits to Australia by 20 per cent. Film is a big part of bringing the romance back into travel."

Cool, calm and collectively decisive

The dead of winter is just the right time to decide which hobbies are too noisy for the national parks

After a few days far away, stealing a slice of glorious summer in the middle of winter's discontent, it is dreadful to be back. Dislocated, you grope for the grubby threads of the week's news, piecing it together from hearsay. *Any Questions*, and newspapers wrapped around potatoes. The wet-look on Diana competes for attention with the even wetter look on the unfortunate Netherlands; Europe, interest rates and the veal war chunter on: newspapers insult one another, Mr Birt insults his staff, some overpaid fat cat insults junior doctors. The young are lost and found on Ben Nevis, the old and mad are lost by the NHS, and Treliske Hospital takes young parents to law for the return of the hypodermic needle said to have been left in their baby. It still seems to be, curse it, the same old world.

One development, however, *did focus my* wavering attention. Probably, shame to say, because it involves quiet rippling water, green leaves rustling, red sails in the sunset and other things currently nearer to my heart than most. It is this: the Lords have voted to require the ten national park authorities to promote only the "quiet enjoyment" of their areas.

Which means — unless the Commons block it — the possible end of motorsport in national parks. It could be goodbye to motorcycle scrambles on Exmoor, to four-wheel drive rallies in the Peaks and water-skis on Windermere. It could even remove the skidding, vrooming, mud-spraying RAC Rally from quiet forest paths. Fast motorsport enthusiasts, already banned from the Broads and several of the great lakes, protest that they have their rights.

A spokesman for the Royal Yachting Association, which is in the amusingly invidious position of representing not only peaceful brown-sailed potterers but the speedboats which torment them, said gloomily that: "Quiet enjoyment is almost impossible to define." The Council for National Parks retorted that the Government would just have to set about finding a legal definition of it.

Indeed. Whatever misgivings one may have about any politician's knowing anything at all about quiet enjoyment, it was definitely high time someone sat down and discussed just that. Someone must arbitrate and the dead of winter is probably the safest time to do so; for, aside from our pets, the thing which arouses most furious partisan passion in the British is any attack on our hobbies.

We all have blind spots concerning our pastimes' effect on other people and on nature. If you want to end a friendship, try telling a golfer that the hideous emerald



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smoothness of golf courses wrecks Cornish clifftops. Lose another few by talking to an angler about cruelty to fish, a huntsman about cubbing, and a keen shot about the fatuity of driven pheasant shoots. Then tease a sailor about the environmental impact of moorings and marinas on quiet river estuaries, and introduce a few naturalists to the secretary of the local paintball club.

Each enthusiast will up and lunge at you, claiming that his or her sport is the only safeguard of the environment and the true spiritual home of those who love the countryside, waterfront, wildfowl marshes or whatever. Some of these arguments will be justified, others will be specious; they will all be passionate and entirely selfish.

Among sailors, the group I know best, it gets like the French Revolution with every citizen rushing to denounce the others. Dinghy sailors point the finger at the owners of cruising keelboats, because they need deep moorings and therefore litter the estuaries all week with idle white plastic tubs, which moreover don't have holding-tanks for their sewage.

The cruising yachtsmen point right back, condemning the speed, aggressive racing practices and brightly coloured sails of the dinghy-people which frighten coastal birds off their nests. Then both parties round on the owners of huge, hideous motorboats; and even they join in the general bitter hatred of those hellish motorcycles on water, the jet-skis which now circle aimlessly and infuriatingly through what used to be peaceful summer afternoons in the secret upper reaches of East Coast rivers (I am not sure who the jet-skiers blame, since I have never been able to bring myself to speak to one).

Much the same bitter railing goes on ashore, between green-laners, mountain-bikers, horseriders, scramblers and ramblers. It always will. Nobody truly in the grip of any sport is reasonable; the view from the helm or the handlebars is too seductive. In all probability the Environment Ministers will make no attempt to rule on what constitutes "quiet enjoyment" in a crowded island, but will pass the buck to the national park authorities (privatised by then, no doubt) because if one thing spoils the quiet enjoyment of politics it is the prospect of alienating a tranche of voters by restricting their sport.

But someone must take responsibility. The land must have its lungs; there must be places, not too *far from home, for quiet* enjoyment. When we have a brave and sensible government, sacrifices will be exacted for that principle. For some of us, it will only mean ditching the outboard and rowing all the way home when the wind drops, and perhaps dyeing the striped sails some colour the nesting birds would approve of. For others, the sacrifice will hurt more. Fair enough, I suppose. The worst sufferers, after all, will be the ones who have been tormenting other people for years and never thinking twice about it.

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■ **Perhaps people are like penguins, with those who avoid the heaviest toil living to enjoy a spry old age**

In my days of doorstep canvassing for the Conservative Party, I began to meet and recognise a woman. Over and again I would encounter her. Sometimes she was rich, sometimes poor. Sometimes she had travelled the world, sometimes she had hardly left her village. Sometimes she was a supporter of my party, sometimes a fierce opponent. She appeared in many guises.

Yet I soon learnt to spot her. She was old, often very old: she might be well into her nineties. Whether living alone (and she frequently was) or with another, she was always of an independent disposition. Her eyes were bright. Her mind had stayed sharp while her contemporaries' had dulled, and this seemed more than a matter of chance or genetic inheritance for, time and again, she had had a career.

Such careers were by no means always high-flying — *she might have* been a clerk, a sub-postmistress, book-keeper or private secretary. What her careers had in common was this: she had always been able to take an interest in things. Her intelligence had never sunk beneath a daily grind. *She had* had time to keep up with events. That is not to say that she had not worked hard, sometimes very hard, sometimes for a paltry wage, but it had never — never — been the sort of work *that breaks a person down.* I observed that her work had almost never been manual labour.

> Quite possibly, drudgery and hard work simply wear us out like machines

Not that she had not kept fit and strong. She had looked after herself. But she had not as a matter of habit pushed herself physically to the limit. She had not toiled as working men, harassed young mothers or oxen sometimes must. Hers was the fitness more of the cat or sparrow than of the carthorse. She had avoided excessive weariness as a way of life: she would not have thought exhaustion good for you. She had paced herself.

She had been able to: for, remarkably often, she had *never married. There were* so many different reasons for this. She may never have wished to, she may never have been asked, or she may have lost a lover in the war. When she had married (and sometimes she had), she might have lost a husband early, or not been blessed with children, or had the means to get help in the house. If married, her married life had been distinguished by this: she had never had to be a drudge.

This was the woman, these were the women, whom I encountered over and over again, living on, well beyond the life-span of others, their spirits burning brightly into their eighties and beyond: their minds sharp: their bodies working still. Sometimes they had outlived everyone they had known, always they had outlived their generation. Usually they were happy.

Penguin society knows the equivalent of this woman. One must not become a bore about penguins, and this is positively my last column on these birds, but I was much struck by something I learnt by visiting Antarctica recently. Male and female penguins take an equal share in the raising of their young — but some *never get into the breeding* game at all.

A minority never pair or reproduce, but live with the colony and find other occupations instead. They search for stones for nests or keep a lookout for predators, or form an advance guard to attack aggressors. Their lives (more than those of the breeding couples) include a good measure of simply horsing around, something that parents have less time to do.

These penguins live longer. Studies of the lifestyles and lifespans of different penguins within the same colony suggest that those who devote themselves every season to raising the next generation die younger. But certain birds live up to a fifth longer than the others. These are the ones who have done little or no breeding.

Nobody knows why this should be. One suggestion is that keeping a family leads a bird into more danger. Maybe. But I wonder if there isn't another cause. Perhaps it is just that hard, boring work wears you out.

Is our age right to assume that pushing yourself to physical exhaustion and mental numbness is good for you? We know that it develops big muscles on a hod-carrier, and trains an athlete to a higher pitch of performance, but do these people live longer? Is it possible that animals, like machines, simply wear out?

In describing the woman I came to know, I may have fudged together two separable facts about her: that she had enjoyed an active mental life and that she had not pushed herself physically to her limits. It is possible that one and not the other is the key to her health and longevity. Yet I have a hunch that they are linked: linked, I think, by this: that woman was always in control. She was the captain of her ship. Servitude can be both a physical and a mental state, and she had avoided both.

Drudgery and exhaustion are conditions of mind as well as body. I suspect they shorten as well as diminish an animal's life.

Despite a phoney calm, President Clinton is besieged by investigations into his dubious past

Even Watergate was small beer to this

William Rees-Mogg

At the best of times Washington is a strange and deceptive city, with its apparent openness and its inner secrecy, its extraordinary apartheid between the elegant white suburbs and the lethal black slums, its pride of power, and its increasing alienation from the people it governs. At certain historic moments, Washington is not just strange but positively weird, a hallowe'en city in which all the ghosts walk. It was like that in the last years of Lyndon Johnson, when the Vietnam War was being fought from the White House bunker. It was like that in the Watergate years, when Richard Nixon had to tell the American people: "Your President is not a crook." It is like that now, a heartsick city powdered in February snow.

If one reads *The Washington Post*, one might believe that the government of the United States is proceeding more or less normally. Admittedly, one might be surprised to read that only $600,000 has been subscribed to the President's legal aid fund, though nearly $1,600,000 has already been spent on his costs over Whitewater and the comparatively trivial Paula Jones case. Yet otherwise one might think that the political process was going along much as usual.

Nothing could be further from the truth. As soon as one starts to talk to Washington insiders, one realises *that President Clinton is* trapped by a process of inquiry from which he would be unlikely to escape even if he were wholly innocent of any wrongdoing. And he is far from that.

There are at least six separate processes, each of which could be fatal to the President. There is the Special Prosecutor, Kenneth Starr, looking into the Whitewater allegations, which include not only the original questions relating to land deals and Savings and Loans impropriety, but also to issues of drugs and money-laundering, of loans by the Arkansas Development Finance Agency, of the death of Vincent Foster, and the way that was investigated. There is a separate Special Inquiry into the allegedly corrupt relations between Don Tyson and the Administration. Don Tyson, like Dan Lasater, is alleged to have been in the drug business.

There is a Senate banking committee inquiry, under the chairmanship of Senator D'Amato of New York, the "pit-bull" of the Republican Party. There is a parallel House inquiry. These are both being postponed on the ground that they should not interfere with the work of Kenneth Starr. There is the suspended legal action against the President by Paula Jones for sexual harassment. There are also inquiries being made — if not published — by almost all the major newspapers. *The New York Post* has *been running new stories* about one of the stranger investments made by Adfa when Bill Clinton was Governor. Two special prosecutors, two congressional inquiries, Paula Jones and the press, not to mention television — no wonder the legal fees already come to $1,600,000. They will end up much higher than that.

What is the basic truth of this Whitewater matter? *To put it briefly:* the state of Arkansas was corrupt, the way Mexico is corrupt, long before Bill Clinton entered state politics, long before he was born. This corruption goes back over a hundred years to the period after the Civil War. In the 1970s, the corruption came to be financed by drug money, even before Clinton became Governor. People got killed: we even know the names of some of the hitmen.

By the early 1980s, drug importation through Arkansas — much of it through Mena airport — reached billions of dollars. The new narco-millionaires bought political protection by bribery and by financing political campaigns, including Clinton's. They made it their business to involve and implicate their political allies. They killed dangerous witnesses, including schoolboys and probably including Vincent Foster: his body was moved, his suicide was faked. As Governor, Bill Clinton set up his own unaccounted $700 million Adfa operation, which made loans to *his supporters and friends, many of* whom subscribed to his political fund. In the 1980s, Arkansas was awash with cocaine and money-laundering. It may have been impossible for Bill Clinton to keep his hands clean, but his great mistake was to think that he could go from being Governor of Arkansas, a deeply corrupted state, to being US President without the truth emerging.

That is what happened. There is no lack of people who do not want this ugly truth to emerge. The main national media — *The Washington Post*, *The New York Times*, the television network news programmes — have done their best to turn a blind eye, partly because this is so horrifying a story, and partly from political sympathy. Most journalists in America, like most academics, are liberals. They were keen enough to expose President Nixon at Watergate, which involved much less serious criminal issues, when the partisan advantage was in favour of the Democrats.

Some leading Republicans themselves want the exposure of the truth postponed, because they think it will be easier to beat President Clinton than Vice-President Al Gore in 1996. One leading Republican in the House of Representatives admits that there were "PR advantages" in postponing hearings. Another said *that* he was not certain how long the truth would take to emerge. A Republican senator argued that the new Republican majority needed first to prove that it could legislate successfully, and that it would have *been wrong* to make the exposure of the President the first item on the agenda. Robert Dole, the Senate majority leader, has been almost as keen to keep this issue on the back burner as the Democrats; he seems to enjoy doing business with a fatally weakened President.

Even the Democrats are now beginning to be worried that the coming Whitewater earthquake may strike at the worst possible moment for their party. Bill Bradley, the much-respected Senator of New Jersey, who might once have been a presidential candidate himself, has said that the Whitewater revelations might damage Clinton to the point at which he will be challenged in the primaries.

The pressures on the Special Prosecutor, Kenneth Starr, are enormous. His investigation could destroy the President. The Arkansas narco-businessmen *are dangerous;* they have killed before. Whoever confronts them needs physical as well as moral courage. So far, the secrets of the special investigation have been well kept, although there are rumours of altered testimony about Vincent Foster, and Webster Hubble has been indicted on a plea bargain.

Ordinary Americans feel "an extraordinary intensity of distrust" about President Clinton. They are waiting for the truth to emerge, and they feel it is being suppressed. No one now can control the timing of these complex processes — not Congress, not Robert Dole, not the President. The danger is that the American people will come to believe that they cannot trust either their politicians or their friends to tell them the truth.

Don't set pledges in stone

Peter Riddell argues that any permanent party constitution soon looks dated



The party is looking for a fresh statement of values after more than a decade of ideological buffeting. Labour or the Tories — take your pick. Tony Blair's case for rewriting Clause Four of the Labour constitution — that the party must clarify its beliefs — has echoes in the still unresolved Conservative debate since the fall of Margaret Thatcher. What might a Tory Clause Four look like?

Most such statements date quickly. Labour's Clause Four, with its commitment to the "common ownership of the means of production, distribution and exchange", was, as Jack Straw has argued, a compromise agreed in 1918 with little discussion. It was aimed at the middle classes, and advanced by the modernisers of the day. Yet for decades virtually no one has accepted its literal meaning of *common ownership without limits.* Successive leaders have ignored these words in proposing various forms of mixed economy.

Similarly, any such clause drawn up by the Tories in 1918 would have reflected the unsettled politics of the time. The party, as the core of Lloyd George's wartime coalition, was only just abandoning its entrenched opposition to votes for women and to Irish Home Rule, though this was not fully resolved until 1921 when Ulster was excluded. MPs were confused, not just about Lloyd George and Ireland, but also over the role of the State after the big expansion of government during the war. Any Tory statement of objectives in 1918 would have included references to defence of the Crown, the Empire and India — along, probably, with a commitment to imperial preference in tariffs.

Yet the Tories changed their policies on tariff reform twice over the following 15 years, while proposals to concede greater self-government for India were enacted during the 1930s despite Churchill's vigorous protests. By the late 1940s, any 1918 version would have looked archaic, as India was granted independence in 1947, while the centrepiece of British foreign policy became the Atlantic Alliance. In 1947 also, the Conservatives formally accepted that the Government had responsibilities to manage the economy by endorsing *The Industrial Charter* produced by R.A. Butler and bright young members of the Conservative Research Department such as Reginald Maudling.

During the Butskellite era of the 1950s, the Tories' commitment to the mixed economy became firmer. Any Tory statement would have combined the language of Disraeli's One Nation with the collectivism of Harold Macmillan's *The Middle Way* in

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a consensus confection. By the early 1970s, a commitment to integration with the rest of Europe would have been added by Sir Edward Heath. Then, following Margaret Thatcher's coup of 1975, any statement would have been more starkly nationalist, free-market and anti-collectivist. She did not march to the same drum as her predecessor.

Since 1990, the emphasis has shifted again, although it is still unclear where to. Any Majorite statement would include the traditional Tory theme of a strong defence of the Union, plus an assertion of public rights in relation to public services via the citizen's charter. A 1991 version might have talked of Britain being "at the very heart of Europe". Now, the reference to Europe might be more ambiguous. The battles over tariff reform at the start of the century are matched by those now over Europe, as Michael Heseltine showed yesterday when raising the pro-European standard.

And it is not just the main parties which find even their firmest commitments being changed by time. The Gang of Four signalled their breakaway from Labour with the "Limehouse Declaration" of January 1981. What was then presented as a non-ideological statement now looks dated. The comment that "our economy needs a healthy public sector and a healthy private sector without frequent frontier changes" was aimed at the stirrings of privatisation as well as Labour's nationalisation proposals. Yet only Labour's hard Left now wants to shift the frontiers back to where they were in 1981, when British Airways and British Telecom, let alone the energy utilities, were still in the public sector. When the *SDP* merged with the Liberals in 1988, there was much debate about whether Nato membership should be in the preamble of objectives — as a reassurance for the SDP against Liberal unilateralists. It was included, only to be dropped quietly in 1990, when the new party adopted a pro-nuclear stance.

Traditional Tories argue that all this shows how wise their party has been not to have a formal statement of beliefs. Ian Gilmour celebrated the Conservatives' lack of doctrine in *Inside Right*, his elegant and muted warning of 1977 against the rise of what became known as Thatcherism. For him, Conservatives "are not blind to the imperfections of free enterprise and the market... They do not believe that the profit motive will solve all economic problems. There is no Tory equivalent of the Labour party's Clause Four". For him, flexibility and adaptability were the keynotes: the scepticism of Oakeshott rather than the certainties of Hayek.

Lady Thatcher was guided by conviction rather than consensus, in a deliberate rejection of this non-ideological Conservatism. Her followers have turned her gut values into even more of an "-ism" than she ever did. *Some of the Tories' troubles* since 1990 have stemmed from their attempts to apply the ideology of Thatcherism to the changed circumstances of the 1990s.

The lesson for Labour is that the more specific the new statement is, the sooner it will be out of date. Mr Blair is right to replace the 1918 words — not least, as he argued yesterday, as a symbol of the party's new identity, to win the public's trust. But social justice, solidarity, partnership, equality and democracy are just tokens without practical meaning. Mr Blair might be better off with no new Clause Four. But parties of the Left require such statements to motivate their supporters. People should not, however, delude themselves that such statements are any guide to what Labour would do in office. The Tories have prospered far *more this century without such an* ideological deadweight.

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Shelf life

THE BODLEIAN LIBRARY has long been a venue for lovers' trysts among Oxford undergraduates. But now *Oxford Student*, the weekly newspaper, is proposing to formalise the hitherto *ad hoc* arrangements by arranging a lonely hearts corner.

"Special desks could be set aside according to sexual orientation and preference," suggests an article; "alternatively, each desk could have a sheet of personal ads along with the library regulations."

One regular undergraduate visitor to "the Bod" has further tips for love in the library: "There are some nice dark nooks and crannies near the Romantic poetry section in the upper reading room," he says. "They fill up on St Valentine's Day."

Of course the university's grand buildings have long set undergraduates dreaming of romance in life and in literature: notably in Beerbohm's *Zuleika Dobson* and Waugh's *Brideshead Revisited*.

Students in Cambridge too have often found the University Library's surroundings and the musty smell of books romantically compelling, but this seems to be the first time that a specific section of either building has been mentioned for prospective courting couples.

College fellows are intrigued by the idea. "It would transform the upper reading room," says one with a glint in his eye. "But the much older Duke Humphry's Library, where the ancient manuscripts are kept, has been thought the best rendezvous in the Bodleian by *older* members of the university."



● *Heartening news reaches me about teetotaller Nelson Mandela. Launching a new edition of his guide to South African wine last week at South Africa House, John Platter told me that the President has a very sweet tooth and has been known to have the occasional tipple of "disgusting sweet brown sherry".*

The very man

THE theological musings of one of the Queen's chaplains, until now known only to the monarch and a few clergy, are to go on sale for the first time. *Verdict on Jesus*, by the late Rev Leslie Badham, catalogues the historical evidence for Jesus's existence. The Queen is said to keep a copy by her bedside.

Professor Paul Badham, son of the late chaplain, has written a preface to the work. His father, he says, was always "very struck by the sincerity of the Queen's beliefs. She had one of the very first copies of his book. My father was a free thinker. The Queen's interest meant a great deal to him."

● *It's not just John Major who is taking the Euro-sceptics a little more seriously. Bill Cash's European Foundation has just received a cheque for £20 for a year's subscription to the sceptical* European Journal *from Geoffrey Martin, the London director of the European Commission. Cash is delighted: "It's the ultimate recognition. I hope he enjoys it."*

Old Junk

AMONG the spivs and hustlers selling O.J. Simpson dolls and T-shirts outside the Los Angeles courtroom where the star is being tried sits a man attempting to offload some goods which have a rather more personal touch.

With an eye for a sharp move, furniture dealer Wafsi Tolaymat bought up the contents of the Chicago hotel room where O.J. stayed the night after allegedly murdering his wife and her friend. He snapped up the bed, curtains, ash tray, ice-bucket, and even drinking glasses (excluding the one that O.J. says he broke upon hearing of his wife's death) for $4,000.

He hopes to sell the lot for $100,000 — but the punters are clearly holding back to see if the objects turn out to be relics of O.J.'s last hours of freedom; the highest offer so far is $30,000.

Butling along

JOHN MAJOR'S classless society moves one step closer today. Lord Lawson is to serve tea to his former butler. Henry Cottrell, 69, who has waited on four Tory Chancellors in his 12 years at Dorneywood, will be retiring in July, and today Lawson opens the shared housing project near Milton Keynes into which Cottrell and his wife Doreen are moving.

Cottrell is looking forward to seeing his former boss again. "We haven't seen them since he retired. It will be nice to see him again." But he won't comment on which Chancellor made the best boss. After 12 years he has learnt the politician's evasive skills. "I don't go in for that kind of thing," he says.

● *Sir Denis Thatcher has still to realise one ambition. After my recent report that he harbours a secret desire to go white-water rafting, offers to take him on board have flooded in. He has declined, pleading poverty. "I had a letter from one company offering a trip for $500," he says. "I didn't like the sound of it. I said I didn't have $500. But also I don't want to break my neck."*



Toad haul

WITH HORDES of amorous toads about to make their annual mating migration to a pond in the grounds of his home, Petworth Park in West Sussex, by crossing a busy road, Lord Egremont is relieved that his *toad tunnel has just been finished.*

Helped by a donation from his Leconfield estate, Chichester council has constructed a "toad safety tunnel", at a cost of £6,000, under the A283, which borders the park. Now the amphibians, guided by a 300-yard plastic fence, will be channelled down into the tunnel and make the trip in safety.

"I am delighted that it is finished," says Lord Egremont. "I was very worried about the toads. So many were slaughtered crossing the road that it was a bit like a toad First World War," he adds grimly.



Lord Egremont, the amphibian's friend

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WAIT AND SEE

But opposition to European integration is no mere squall

Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, has returned from Japan to find that the old certainties have crumbled. Worse, his former allies in Cabinet seem prepared to accept the shift. But not for nothing did Mr Heseltine resign from Cabinet and later challenge Margaret Thatcher on the issue of Europe. Yesterday he said ominously: "I have not changed my mind on these major issues... and I certainly won't do it in order to pander to a whim."

The president's article in yesterday's *Sunday Times* must be seen as a challenge to the new Euro-scepticism. "The politics of frustration and nostalgia," he wrote, "will often tug at the coat-tails, but the duty of government is to look ahead and lead... The Conservative Party in its long journey into Europe has not simply followed in the slipstream of every sudden squall of opinion."

Squalls pass over, however, leaving clear skies in their wake. Opposition to European integration should be seen more as a climate change, and it is a transformation that has swept not just the country and the Conservative party, but much of the Cabinet too. Yesterday Mr Heseltine's own colleague, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, Jonathan Aitken, stated emphatically: "I don't want a single currency, period."

At least Mr Heseltine, unlike many who share his views, uses concrete arguments to support his case. But his case is tendentious at best. He claims that Britain's trade with Europe, its attraction to foreign investors and the City of London's position would all be threatened were Britain to remain outside a single currency. These claims are often used to scare sceptics.

But it is the single market, not a single currency, that makes Europe attractive to inward investors. Nissan has come to Britain, despite this island's long-detached relationship with the rest of Europe, because a base in the EU gives free access to the markets of all other member states. As long as trade remains open, there is no reason why Britain should not continue to benefit from the attractiveness of its language, its flexible workforce and its opt-out from the social chapter. As for the future of the City, Deutsche Bank's decision to move its trading operations from Frankfurt (where the single currency would be overseen) to London hardly denotes a lack of confidence.

Other arguments seem almost deliberately misleading. Mr Heseltine draws an analogy with the common agricultural policy, designed before Britain was a member of the EEC. "How do you influence those decisions if you are not even at the conference table?" he asks. Easy: Britain *is* at the conference table, and will remain there. There is no question of a single currency being devised in this country's absence. Moreover, unlike accession to the EEC, there is no question of other countries vetoing Britain if it decides to join the currency, provided the convergence criteria are met.

Britain, because of its opt-out, can stand back and assess the first few years of a single currency's existence and decide what best suits the country's interests. If, as the Governor of the Bank of England warned last week, the currency acts like a straitjacket, condemning some of its members to stagnation and high unemployment, then Britain may well be better off outside. If, however, trade, inward investment and financial pre-eminence do begin to suffer, then Parliament will be able to judge whether the economic benefits of joining offset the damaging loss of sovereignty. Mr Heseltine claims to be impelled by pragmatism rather than ideology. Yet "wait and see" is a far more pragmatic strategy than to hurtle into an economic and monetary union that could so easily end in disaster.

LEFT IN THE LURCH

France's leftover Left finds its front man

After nearly five years of backbiting, financial scandals and two crushing electoral defeats, France's Socialists achieved a wary truce yesterday and called it victory. With the anointing as presidential candidate of Lionel Jospin, a dull party stalwart, the succession to François Mitterrand as Socialist standard-bearer is at last formally decided. For the moment M Jospin has no serious rival on his own side — which is more than any conservative, even the seemingly unsinkable Edouard Balladur, can yet claim.

These are mere crumbs for the faithful. Deprived of Jacques Delors, its last genuinely popular figure, the party's political fortunes remain as deeply mortgaged as its headquarters in the Rue Solferino. On the present showing of the opinion polls "victory" would be survival into the second round of the presidential race: the fate that beckons is that of Gaston Deferre, the Socialist who won only 5 per cent in the first round in 1969.

Yet as Jacques Chirac — who is half-courting the Left in an attempt to narrow the gap between himself and M Balladur — understands, sympathy for the Left remains far stronger in France than the contempt in which the Socialists are currently held would suggest. The race between M Balladur and M Delors would have been too close to call, partly because of the latter's "new face". Thanks to his long absence in Brussels and to his austere image of integrity, he could have shrugged off the soiled baggage the party has accumulated.

The great Mitterrand tree has spread so deep a shadow over all the other Socialist leaders that it stifles all growth. Michel Rocard, the one man who might have been capable of modernising the Socialist Party after the electoral disaster of 1993, was systematically sabotaged by the Elysée. But in this election the choice was between the orthodox, school-masterly left of the party, which M Jospin epitomises, and its more candidly working-class, populist side.

Both men subscribe to a platform which swings the party sharply leftward. Instead of any *ouverture* to the centre, the Socialists have a platform which offers voters a clear-cut choice between Left and centre-Right. The party dinosaurs have jettisoned all trace of M Rocard's modernising efforts. Instead, the platform invokes the powers of state intervention, including "collective appropriation" of the means of production, against the evils of "neo-capitalism". The affluent, already highly taxed, are to be further squeezed to make way for pay rises and tax breaks at the bottom of the ladder.

Barring a miracle, all this is likely to be of practical interest only to students of the Left's capacity to self-destruct. The platform was admittedly devised last November, when the party confidently believed that it was on a winning streak under M Delors which justified political risk-taking. M Delors may well have asked himself what he could conceivably do to further such a programme once in the Elysée, given the slender prospects of dislodging the conservatives from their parliamentary majority. The Socialists argue that in France political allegiances are fragmenting across the spectrum. No party can be sure of emerging from this campaign intact. That seems unlikely to save the Socialists from wilderness years as bleak as those from which M Mitterrand began the Left's comeback 20 years ago.

A SENSE OF DANGER

Crime need not be a second-class genre of literature

The death of Patricia Highsmith impoverishes the public stock of shuddering pleasure. But even for those not addicted to the type of psychological thrillers she invented, her death prompts literary reassessment.

Crime and the other sub-genres never win the literary awards, and are usually given patronising reviews. A critic described Highsmith's stories as "worlds for sadistic voyeurs who get their kicks from seeing the poor worms hooked and squirming". Auden, who tiptoed in the lighter genres, dismissed detective stories: "A murder occurs; many are suspected; all but one suspect, who is the murderer, are eliminated; the murderer is arrested or dies."

Things are seldom quite as elementary as that, even in crime fiction. Literary taxonomists derive its origins from Wilkie Collins and Edgar Allen Poe. But the human interest in sensational crime and detection can be traced more liberally to Dostoyevsky and Dickens, and farther back to the puzzle tales of the Enlightenment, the mysterious affair of Susanna and the elders in the book of *Daniel* and the ghastly problem of *Oedipus Rex*. Whodunit is an older literary form than our craze for television detectives.

Conan Doyle was irritated by his success in the genre while his literary fiction languished. But Sherlock Holmes has become the best-known English character in the world, with the possible exceptions of Robin Hood and Henry VIII. Crime fiction is said to be an English-reading oddity. But that judgment ignores the French tradition of gangster fiction, and Simenon, who puffs onto anyone's list of three famous Belgians.

In the golden age of crime fiction detectives were handsome toffs, murderers turned out to be as unexpected as the narrator himself, and violent death came by methods as esoteric as daggers of ice and swarms of killer bees. Then Dashiell Hammett and Raymond Chandler pioneered hard-boiled detective fiction, which put murder back in the hands of people who commit it with real weapons for real reasons, not just to provide the reader with a crossword puzzle plot.

The next stage came when Highsmith helped to reinvent the crime novel as a whydunit, in which an interest in the criminal and criminal psychology replaces the puzzle. She said she was in the business of inventing stories, not solving mysteries. "It is not my aim to morally rearm the reader; I want to entertain." Her tradition of crime novel as psychotic world beneath the surface of everyday life caught the spirit of this age of self-analysis.

It is a test of good writing that the reader, or viewer of it on the screen, is left no time to think about anything else. Genre fiction is a field in which women, from Georgette Heyer to Patricia Highsmith and Dorothy Sayers to Dorothy Dunnett, perform at least as well as men. They may not win literary prizes. But they provide entertainment and pleasure. They may even throw some light on the dark side of human nature. In any case, they keep the pages turning.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Can the Union withstand restraints of the 'framework'?

From Mr Charles Utley

Sir, Judge Medawar's suggestion (letter, February 3) that the electorate of one part of the United Kingdom be invited to say whether or not they wanted Northern Ireland to continue to be part of the Union would be disturbing coming from any source. That it comes from one of Her Majesty's judges is worrying in the extreme.

What is it, one is entitled to ask, that the majority of loyal and peaceful people of Northern Ireland have done to merit this proposal? The judge does not answer that question, but one can guess what the answer would be.

If the voters of Northern Ireland are not prepared to submit to progressively increasing authority over the province being exercised by republican-dominated cross-border committees, they risk the resumption of IRA terrorism.

In that event, so long as the Union remains intact, the remainder of the kingdom will be committed again to a costly war against terrorists. In those circumstances we on the mainland should be allowed to wash our hands of the whole business.

The constitutional position is simple. Northern Ireland is a part of the United Kingdom. Her people wish her to retain that status. It is our duty not just to respect that wish but to do all in our power to ensure that we comply with it. We have no choice in the matter, and it is dangerous to suggest otherwise.

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,
CHARLES UTLEY,
Byrom Chambers,
61 Fleet Street, EC4.
February 3.

From Mr P. J. Martin

Sir, I ask for toleration on behalf of the moderate Unionist people of Northern Ireland, where very often we are accused of foot-dragging in the peace process.

All Unionists want peace as much as any nationalists; but due to underhand dealings, secret meetings and speculative talk of hidden agendas we are naturally wary. It is our nationality that is at stake, not our water rates; carefully chosen phrases and articulate words will not allay our fears.

Most reasonable people who would call themselves "Unionists" feel cornered, threatened and increasingly separated from the mainland. Can the Prime Minister not offer us some *real* reassurance?

Yours sincerely,
P. J. MARTIN,
25 Wellington Gardens,
Bangor, Co Down.

From Mr Robert Barnard

Sir, Ever since the peace process began the Unionists of both parties have given the public the impression that peace is something they don't particularly want, and certainly will not budge an inch to attain. Listening to Ian Paisely and James Molyneaux in the Commons debate on February 1, people in mainland Britain can only have concluded that the most reasonable and peace-seeking man in Northern Ireland is Martin McGuinness.

One can only hope that Paisley and Molyneaux are appealing to some *imaginary* constituency in Northern Ireland — one that has in fact moved on, enjoys the peace they currently have attained, and is willing to make some ideological movement to maintain it.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT BARNARD,
Hazeldene, Houghley Lane,
Leeds, West Yorkshire.

From Mr Gareth Patterson

Sir, If a body of Cornishmen asked to have their county's sovereignty transferred to France, would the Government oblige? Presumably not, since most Cornishmen would undoubtedly vote in a plebiscite to retain their position in the United Kingdom.

So why should Ulstermen be thrown into the Republic of Ireland? What is the point of raising the insulting proposals contained in the leaked document when it is obvious that they would be rejected root and branch by the people of Northern Ireland?

Those who wish to maintain the Union find themselves negotiating on their own again, despite the measured tones of the Unionists of late and the loyalty they have displayed in recent months to a Conservative Government fighting in the Commons for its survival. Rest assured, the old *laager mentality displayed during the Home Rule crisis of 1914 will be seen again.*

Yours faithfully,
GARETH PATTERSON,
22 Eccleston Square, SW1.

From Mr Robert C. Guinness

Sir, Assuming your leader, "Governors of Ireland" (February 1), to have a basis of truth, the new authority over Northern Ireland will be controlled jointly from Belfast and Dublin. The objectors in Northern Ireland to this jointure think of it as the end of their road.

Instead, they should consider the open offer made by the previous Taoiseach, just prior to the Downing Street declaration, inviting the Northern Ireland people to join the Dublin Dail on a pro-rata basis. They should negotiate on this offer now and work towards a similar authority over the Republic of Ireland, controlled jointly from Dublin and Belfast.

If both joint authorities come to flower, it will indeed create a new Ireland. If not, then an excuse has arisen to throw the baby out with the bathwater.

Yours truly,
ROBERT C. GUINNESS,
Lodge Park, Straffan,
Co Kildare, Ireland.
February 5.

From Mr Colin Gibson

Sir, The leaked framework document apparently states that there will be planned "harmonisation" of agricultural, trade, *education and health* policies (my italics). Do the media really believe that the Irish Catholic hierarchy would welcome the further erosion of their influence in the nation's affairs if such harmonisation were to take place?

This sort of development is what the document seems to be about; but most Unionist politicians, alas, seem blind to any positive elements in it, even when these support their interest.

Yours sincerely,
COLIN GIBSON,
Mare Hill House, West Mare Lane,
Pulborough, West Sussex.

Dean's rejection of Toronto blessing

From Mr James A. I. Hartley

Sir, I was disappointed to read of the Dean of Worcester's dismissal of the Toronto blessing as "mass hysteria" (report, January 28), but I was not altogether surprised. Falling down, laughing and expressing joy at the intimate presence of God hardly sits well with the tradition and piousness that sadly bind so much of the Church of England.

The blessing, which is being enjoyed by congregations throughout this country and worldwide, could perhaps be dismissed if the physical manifestations were its only fruit. However, one of the most significant aspects of this phenomenon is the testimony of those who have experienced a more profound relationship with God, personal restoration, a greater commitment to their community as well as a deep peace and great joy. Despite the Dean's insistence to the contrary, these signs have historically been a precursor to revival.

It would be a great pity if the established Church missed out on God's blessing for the sake of a "respectable" image. Revival is not something that happens often in this country.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES HARTLEY,
University of Durham,
Collingwood College,
South Road, Durham.
January 30.

From Mrs Catherine Mathews

Sir, Why is the Dean of Worcester unwilling to accept that God can come supernaturally to His people? The Bible is full of evidence that He can and does.

Why does a high-standing Christian minister deny credit and praise to God's Holy Spirit?

Yours faithfully,
CATHERINE MATHEWS,
Meon Hall Cottage,
High Street, Meonstoke, Hampshire.
January 29.

Goats and the Devil

From Mr Hyam Maccoby

Sir, Woodrow Wyatt writes (January 31): "Cloven-footed goats were considered unclean by rabbinical writers, hence their choice of the symbol for the Prince of unclean spirits, the Devil".

Lord Wyatt could not be more wrong. Goats were never regarded as unclean animals, either by biblical or rabbinical writers. Being cloven-footed was the sign of a clean, not an unclean, animal (see Leviticus XI, 3).

The rabbis did not have a symbol for the Devil, because they did not believe in the Devil, who does not appear anywhere in the Hebrew canonical writings. According to rabbinical ideas, the angel Satan, who acts as accuser, or counsel for the prosecution, plays a role assigned to him by God.

The Devil does play a prominent part in early and medieval Christianity. He was often pictured as goat-like, not because of any Jewish-derived ideas, but probably because of the influence of Greek mythology, which portrayed the mischievous god Pan as having the body of a goat.

Yours faithfully,
HYAM MACCOBY,
Leo Baeck College,
Manor House, East End Road, N3.
January 31.

Product placement

From Mr Nicholas Moss

Sir, Mr Martin Pearce (letter, January 31) criticises the appearance of commercial products in some BBC Television programmes. He says their presence reveals "an alarming degree of product placement".

I would like to assure Mr Pearce that product placement — the inclusion of branded items in return for payment — is expressly forbidden by BBC Television.

However, if programmes are to reflect contemporary life realistically, so that audiences relate to them, it is often necessary to show everyday items on sets and refer to them in dialogue. But writers and producers take such decisions on the basis of editorial relevance and not as backdoor advertisements for particular goods.

The BBC is conscious of the need to continue to maintain in its programmes a balance which allows realism, but which avoids promotion.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS MOSS
(Head of Policy Management),
BBC Television,
Television Centre, Wood Lane, W12.
February 1.

'Thou shalt . . .'

From Mr Nicholas Debenham

Sir, I have recently received a notice of errors in the Religious Studies syllabus for 1996, published by the Midland Examining Group. It reads:
Making Moral Decisions: a reference has been omitted: please add Exodus XX, 1-17.

This is the Ten Commandments.

Yours truly,
NICHOLAS DEBENHAM
(Headmaster), St James Independent School for Boys,
61 Eccleston Square, SW1.

Calf exports

From the Chairman of the National Cattle Breeders Association

Sir, Reports of the current demonstrations against calf exports could convey the impression that cattle farmers and the animal welfare organisations take differing views on the subject. This is not the case. British farmers are every bit as concerned about welfare of calves in transit and the use of humane production systems in the importing countries.

The present demonstrations are achieving the objective of making headline news on the issue: but have the demonstrators thought about the severe stress caused to the calves turned away from ports? The industry has no facilities to hold these calves, which cannot continue to be shuttled around in makeshift transit camps.

Exports must be allowed to continue under proper surveillance from the Ministry of Agriculture inspectors and the police whilst a satisfactory formula is thrashed out. A meeting of all the interested parties, including this association, is to take place later this month. We hope that we can look to the animal welfare organisations to support a properly co-ordinated campaign to ensure the interests of calves are properly protected at every stage of the production system.

Yours sincerely,
CHRISTOPHER LEWIS, Chairman,
National Cattle Breeders Association,
The Glebe Farm, Hinton Waldrist,
Faringdon, Oxfordshire.
February 1.

Saving Ratty

From Mr Jonathan Briggs

Sir, It is not all doom and gloom for the water vole (report, January 28). Man-made canals are important habitats for this species, providing them with constant water levels and stable banks to excavate. A study by the Vincent Wildlife Trust in 1989-90 found them in nearly 90 per cent of canal sites but only 43 per cent of rivers.

Their decline is due to a combination of mink predation and habitat destruction through bankside engineering. When engineering works affected a large colony over several miles of the Oxford Canal last year, British Waterways used plastic pipes to extend burrows whose exits would have been buried. Follow-up surveys have shown that this colony thrives.

Such novel techniques are increasingly being seen as a way forward in conserving threatened species. We are currently installing bat-bricks during repairs to canal tunnels to ensure that bats (also mentioned in the government report) continue to use these important roosting and hibernating sites.

Yours faithfully,
JONATHAN BRIGGS
(Conservation Ecologist),
British Waterways,
Llanthony Warehouse,
Gloucester Docks, Gloucester.

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'Quangocracy' seen as political bane

From Mr Martin Hills

Sir, There can be no objection to your publishing the extraordinary views of Daniel Finkelstein ("Hail the quangocracy, bane of interfering politicians", January 30) since it is proper for a serious newspaper to expose extremist views to scrutiny. But one may surely object to your supporting them in a first leader, "How to decentralise", on the same day.

In place of the democracies inherent in the "traditional" approach to accountability — ie, "questions addressed to ministers, complaints about services, and the lobbying of Parliament" — Mr Finkelstein offers us "exit accountability", a form of consumer choice based on the customer's option of "taking their custom away from a bad provider and giving it to a good one".

But what kind of consumer choice applies to the services of monopolies? And, particularly, of monopolies which not only function without democratic supervision but whose boards are stacked with political placemen and placewomen?

Mr Finkelstein, of course, sees no problem with this: "it is perfectly reasonable for [a minister] to appoint those who share his opinions". That is a view shared by totalitarians the world over.

The problem is not, however, that a minister might regret "stuffing public bodies" with appointees that would make them "subject to a very predictable postwar liberal consensus". It is the fact that those who adhere to democratic principles would rather not see public bodies "stuffed" with appointees at all, but would prefer that they should be run by people elected to do so — and who might subsequently, perhaps, be voted out in the ultimate form of consumer choice.

Yours etc,
MARTIN HILLS,
4c Petherton Road, N5.
January 30.

From the Shadow Home Secretary

Sir, Daniel Finkelstein's apologia for quangos was a brave attempt at defending the indefensible. But I do not imagine it convinced anyone.

The Conservatives are getting windy about quangos, as well they might, given their deep unpopularity. Nothing illustrates more clearly the decline in the standards of good government than the growth in private influence, patronage, waste and unaccountability which quangos represent.

Mr Finkelstein makes the interesting claim that "in the case of agencies, accountability has been improved by appointing named chief executives". Yet this is patently not the case in, for example, the Prison Service agency, where the artificial split between operational and policy matters has led to a marked reduction in parliamentary accountability.

Mr Finkelstein also claims that a new principle, "exit accountability", has replaced the need to have elected representatives running public services. But this is just a euphemism for substituting a spurious invented "market" for the ballot box.

His analogy is a particularly poor one for public services. How exactly can the customer take his or her custom elsewhere in the health service, and do we really want hospitals "to go bust", as he suggests that some public providers should?

But Mr Finkelstein's argument is at its most muddled when it comes to quango appointments. He says that "it is perfectly reasonable (for a Secretary of State) to appoint those who share his opinions", but acknowledges that it might be wiser to have some political balance on quangos, whilst concluding with the extraordinary claim that patronage improves accountability.

Yours sincerely,
JACK STRAW,
House of Commons.
January 31.

Patients who kill

From Dr Harry Jacobs

Sir, A major factor in avoidable murders by psychotic patients that surely cries out for closer attention (Professor Sims's letter, January 30) is the balance between consideration of the individual's liberty and concern for the protection of the public.

In my view this has been gravely tilted against protection and in favour of liberty in many cases where a factual history should dictate far more oversight and caution. Such cases demand 24-hour care in secure facilities for clearly dangerous individuals. The "policing" bodies largely determining policy not infrequently overrule a case for caution from a concerned, highly experienced consultant who knows the person closely.

There is no comeback when innocents are slaughtered.

Yours truly,
HARRY JACOBS (Executive Officer,
Society of Clinical Psychiatrists),
The Coach House, Rochfords,
Wormingford, Colchester, Essex.

Fisheries policy

From Mr John F. H. Ashworth

Sir, The letter from Mr James Provan, MEP (February 1), is confusing. The almost 500 Spanish vessels that he states fished the western waters prior to the common fisheries policy (CFP) did so because those waters were then international waters, just as the British deep-sea fleet used to fish off Newfoundland, Greenland, Iceland, Faeroe, Norway and Russia.

At the heart of the CFP is the principle of equal access to a common resource. As Mr Provan correctly states, next year the Spanish will be fully integrated into the CFP without any increase in their overall fishing effort: ie, the Spanish will move in when British vessels are forced out. The credible alternative is to take back the 200-mile British exclusive fishing zone under British control.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN ASHWORTH (Spokesman,
Save Britain's Fish Campaign),
Kirby Mills Industrial Estate,
Kirkbymoorside, North Yorkshire.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

February 4: The Princess Royal today visited Edinburgh and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mr Norman Irons, the Rt Hon the Lord Provost).

Her Royal Highness, Honorary President, the Scottish Motor Neurone Disease Association, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurence, RN, this morning visited the Edinburgh branch, City Chambers, High Street.

The Princess Royal, Patron, Scottish Rugby Union, accompanied by Commander Timothy Laurance, RN, this afternoon attended the International Rugby Match between Scotland and Ireland at Murrayfield.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE

February 4: The Duke of Kent this morning arrived at RAF Northolt from Lyon.

SANDRINGHAM
NORFOLK

February 5: Divine Service was held in West Newton Parish Church this morning.

The Reverend Canon George Hall preached the Sermon.

KENSINGTON PALACE

February 5: The Princess of Wales this morning left Heathrow Airport, London, to visit Japan.

Viscountess Campden, Mr Patrick Jephson and Mr Geoffrey Crawford were in attendance.

Today is the 43rd anniversary of the accession of The Queen.

Birthdays today

Mr Nicholas Brett, Editor, *Radio Times*, 45; Sir Denys Buckley, former Lord Justice of Appeal, 89; Mr Peter Cadbury, company chairman, 77; Mr Leslie Crowther, comedian and actor, 62; Mr Tim Ewart, broadcaster, 46; Mr John Flemming, Warden, Wadham College, Oxford, 54; Professor Roger Greenhalgh, vascular surgeon, 54; Professor J.E.C. Hill, former Master, Balliol College, Oxford, 83; Miss Gayle Hunnicutt, actress, 52; Mr Patrick MacNee, actor, 73; Mr George Mudie, MP, 50; Mr Denis Norden, scriptwriter and broadcaster, 73; Mr Manuel Orantes, tennis player, 46; Mr Ronald Reagan, former American President, 84; Lord Roskill, 84; Mr Brian Simpson, MEP, 42; Mr Jimmy Tarbuck, comedian, 55; Mr Fred Trueman, cricketer, 64; Mr Keith Waterhouse, writer, 66; Mr Kevin Whately, actor, 44.



Rabbi Lionel Blue, the author and broadcaster, is 65 today

Memorial service

Sir Robert Mitchell Cotts

A memorial service for Sir Robert Crichton Mitchell Cotts was held on Saturday at St Andrews', Melton, Suffolk. The Rev Mark Sanders officated. Mrs Angie Maclean read the lesson and Mr Hamish Mitchell Cotts, son, gave an address.

Ecology award

Bob Boote, a vice-president of the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers, has received the Alfred Toepfer prize for the protection of nature in Europe. Mr Boote was chairman of the committee that initiated the first European Conservation Year in 1970. The presentation was made in Strasbourg at the start of the latest conservation year.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Christopher Marlowe, dramatist, Canterbury, 1564; Antonio Vieira, Jesuit and missionary, Lisbon, 1608; Antoine Arnauld, theologian, Paris, 1612; Queen Anne reigned 1702-14, St James's Palace, London, 1665; Ugo Foscoli, poet and novelist, Zakinthos, Greece, 1778; Sir Charles Wheatstone, physicist and inventor, Gloucester, 1802; Sir Henry Irving, actor, Keinton Mandeville, Somerset, 1838; Frederic William Myers, poet and co-founder of the Society of Psychical Research, Keswick, 1843; William Murphy, physician, Nobel laureate 1934, Stoughton, Wisconsin, 1892; George (Babe) Ruth, baseball champion, Baltimore, Maryland, 1895; Ramon Novarro, silent film actor, Durango, Mexico, 1899; Wladyslaw Gomulka, Premier of Poland 1956-70, Krosno, 1905; Bob Marley, singer and songwriter, St Ann's, Jamaica, 1945.

DEATHS: Aldus Mantius, printer, Venice, 1515; King Charles II reigned 1660-85, London, 1685; Lancelot (Capability) Brown, landscape gardener, 1783; Carlo Goldoni, dramatist, Paris, 1793; Joseph Priestley, Presbyterian minister, chemist, discoverer of oxygen, Northumberland, Pennsylvania, 1804; Ruben Darió, poet, León, Nicaragua, 1916; Gustav Klimt, painter, Vienna, 1918; Ellen Wilkinson, trade unionist and politician, London, 1947; King George VI reigned 1936-52, Sandringham, Norfolk, 1952; Marghanita Laski, writer, London, 1988.

King James II acceded to the throne, 1685.

Queen Elizabeth II succeeded to the throne, 1952.

Seven members of the Manchester United football team were among those killed in an air crash at Munich, 1958.

France and Britain agreed to build a Channel tunnel, 1964.

Appointments in the Forces

Royal Navy and Royal Marines

COMMANDER: I.S. Gregory - MoD London, 4.8.95; P.D. Mannering - RNC Greenwich, 4.4.95; R.J.Parkes - Sultan 3.3.95; A. Young - MoD Bath, 13.4.95.

CHAPLAIN: A.M. Callon - Staff of FO Portsmouth 21.6.95; C.W.W. Howard, Gibraltar 5.5.95.

Retirements

COMMANDER: G.P. Kinch, 22.4.95

JOHN POTTER



A replica terracotta warrior arrives at Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery for an exhibition "China: Cradle of Knowledge". The replica is among hundreds of objects on show from the Museum of Science and Technology in Peking. The exhibition, opening on February 25, looks at the impact of Chinese inventions on world history

Crusaders carve crude niche in history

BY NORMAN HAMMOND, ARCHAEOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

TWO poignant relics of the Crusades have been discovered at Ascalon, an ancient city of the Levantine littoral. Five blood-red escutcheons — family shields — record the visit of two of the English knights who had taken the city from the Muslims, and obliterated some of their finest calligraphy with crude but precise blazons of arms. A second slab bears eight shields, all of the same design.

The discoveries were made during excavation of the north or Jaffa gate of the city, now the Israeli resort of Ashkelon, during excavations directed by Professor Lawrence Stager of Harvard University. Broken into nine fragments, the first white marble slab had been inscribed in sophisticated late Fatimid imperial script with 22 lines of text recording the building of a tower as part of the city's fortifications.

The text could still be read almost in its entirety, as could the date, the equivalent of April 1, AD1150. The Fatimids, based on Cairo had taken Ascalon in AD 969, after a chequered career under the Byzantines, the Arabs, and the Seljuq Turks.

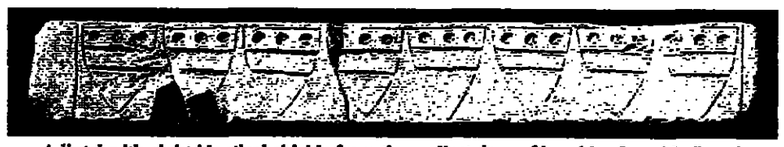
Although Jerusalem fell to the Crusaders in 1099, Ascalon remained under Muslim control for another 54 years. After the fall of Tyre in 1124, the Crusaders encircled Ascalon with forts which cut the city off from all but sea contact with Egypt. The garrison took part in the internecine struggles of the Crusader Kingdom.

Fulk's successor, Baldwin III, successfully laid siege to Ascalon, and turned the great mosque into a cathedral. The Fatimid inscription dates from the final period of refortification of the city before it fell, according to Dr Moshe Sharon of Hebrew University. It stayed under Crusader control for 34 years, until it was taken by Saladin and the shields could have been carved during this occupation, or during Richard the Lionheart's temporary occupation in 1192.

Peter Gwynn-Jones, Lancaster Herald at the College of Arms in London, said: "These arms are very early as far as the history of heraldry is concerned. They seem to be transitional in form, where part of the shield was decorated and part not: although we don't know that much about the nature of 12th-century shields, we do know that they had a lot of bosses and metal plates, and these were decorated.

"We think that heraldry began only in the first half of the 12th century, not as a means of identification in battle but as an inspiration to the user. The principal magnates did have identifiable arms, such as the three golden leopards of the Kings of England, but most shields were subjective compositions."

The second decorated slab found at Ascalon is a lintel bearing eight identical shields; Mr Gwynn-Jones and Professor Stager hope that the bearers in both cases may be identifiable.



A lintel with eight identical shields from the earliest days of heraldry found in Israel

Latest wills

Recent estates include (net, before tax paid):

Mr Geoffrey William **Bell**, of Bedale, North Yorkshire, £683,933

Mr John **Cordell**, of Walkern, Herts, £827,651

Mr John George **Debbage**, of Smallburgh, Norfolk, £585,308

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University news

Cambridge

Darwin College

Elected into Official Fellowship: Mark Suresh Joshi.

Glasgow

The university has appointed Dr John Welsh, Medical Director of Hunters Hill Marie Curie Centre in Glasgow, to the newly created Dr Olav Kerr Chair of Palliative Medicine.

Dr Colin Espie has been appointed to the Chair of Clinical Psychology from March 1, 1995. Professor Espie is a consultant clinical psychologist with Consulting & Clinical Psychology Services (CCPS) of the Ayrshire & Arran Community Health Care NHS Trust.

Dr Thomas Klapötke has been appointed to the Ramsay Chair of Chemistry from April 1, 1995. Professor Klapötke is presently a Dozent Dr at the Technische Universität in Berlin.

Queen's, Belfast

Honorary titles

The title of Honorary Professor, in the School of Mathematics and Physics, has been conferred on Dr Nicol Peacock, Chief Diagnostics Scientist in the Controlled Fusion Research Programme at the Culham Laboratory, Oxfordshire. For more than 30 years Dr Peacock has worked on the study of magnetically-confined high temperature laboratory plasmas (known as tokamaks). His links with Queen's began in 1984.

The title of Honorary Lecturer, in the School of Psychology, has been conferred on the following:

Hazel Dusoir, neuropsychologist for the Neurosciences Directorate of the Royal Group of Hospitals; Dr Marie Goss, who is responsible for the provision of the neuropsychology assessment and treatment service throughout the Northern Health and Social Services Board area; Brian McCrum, Deputy Head of the Area Clinical Psychology Service of the Northern Health and Social Services Board; Patricia Donnelly, Clinical Director of the Directorate of Clinical Professions in the Royal Group of Hospitals; and Dr Lorna Woodhouse, Head of the Community Addiction Team and Substance Abuse Services within the Northern Health and Social Services Board.

Forthcoming marriages

P.H. Christopherson and Miss K. Ensink

The engagement is announced between Peter, younger son of Mr and Mrs A.G. Christopherson, of Ryarsh, Kent, and Karen, daughter of Mr and Mrs E.A.F. Ensink, of Monflanquin, France.

Mr N.W. Cox and Miss J.T. Horley

The engagement is announced between Nigel, younger son of Mr and Mrs B.W. Cox, of Midhurst, West Sussex, and Josephine, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Horley, of Barnes, London.

Mr J.M. Cronk and Miss L.M. Cole

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, son of Mr and Mrs Bryan Cronk, of Loxwood, West Sussex, and Louise, elder daughter of Mr Rodney Cole, of Florida, USA, and Mrs Marigold Cole, of Guildford, Surrey.

Mr S.P. Crummett and Miss S.C. Hume-Wright

The engagement is announced between Stephen, son of Dr and Mrs John Crummett, of Bramhall, Cheshire, and Skerry, fourth daughter of the late Mr Gerald Hume-Wright and of Mrs Elizabeth Hume-Wright, of Fleet, Hampshire.

Royal engagements

The Princess Royal, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will preside at the 28th Industry and Commerce Group meeting at Buckingham Palace at 4.00.

Marriages

Mr Michael Turner and Mrs I. Fear

The marriage took place in London, on February 4, between Michael Turner and Ingrid Fear.

Mr R.J.A. Elmhirst and Miss J.S. Sharp

The marriage took place on Saturday at All Saints Church, Spofforth, of Mr Jake Elmhirst, only son of Mr and Mrs Richard Elmhirst, of Worsbrough, South Yorkshire, to Miss Jane Sharp, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Sharp, of Spofforth, North Yorkshire. The Rev Gareth Jones officiated, assisted by the Rev Paul Moxon.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was attended by Tom Noble, Toby Bigge, Megan Noble, Clare Mitton and Victoria Bigge. Mr Peter Priestley was best man.

Mr J. Salem and Mrs E.B. Williams

The marriage of John Salem to Eileen (Lee) Williams took place in Brentwood on February 4, 1995.

The couple will be touring the Far East.

Mr P.J. Skala and Miss A.M. Thomas

The marriage took place on February 4, 1995, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, New York, of Mr Peter Justin Skala, elder son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hans Skala, of London, to Miss Ann Mack Thomas, daughter of Mrs Louis Paul Kelly, of New York, and Mr John Edward Thomas, of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

A reception was held at the University Club.

Church news

The Right Rev Timothy Bavin, Bishop of Portsmouth, is to resign as from September 30 after his 60th birthday.

Appointments

The Rev Clive Welham, Chaplain of Goldsmith's College, New Cross: to be Vicar, The Ascension, Plumstead (Southwark).

The Rev Philip White, Assistant Curate, Clifton: to be Team Vicar, Heworth Team Minister, w special responsibility for St Wulstan's (York), for an initial period not exceeding five years.

The Rev David Wilcox, Rector, Kirtlington w Bletchingdon, Weston-on-the-Green and Hampton Gay (Oxford): to be Honorary Priest-in-charge, Mawnan (Truro).

The Rev Arfon Williams, Vicar, Glanogwen (Bangor): now Assistant to the Rural Dean of Rye (Chichester).

The Rev Andrew Wooding-Jones, Assistant Curate, St John's, Welling (Rochester): to be Team Vicar, St Thomas, Crookes (Sheffield).

The Rev Dr Adrian Armstrong, Assistant Curate (NSM), Linton, Castle Camps, Shudy Camps and Bartlow (Ely): to be Priest-in-charge (NSM), North and South Muskham, Averham and Kelham (Southwell).

The Rev Margaret Armstrong, Assistant Curate (NSM), Linton, Castle Camps, Shudy Camps and Bartlow (Ely): to be Associate Minister, North and South Muskham, Averham, and Kelham (Southwell).

The Rev Jane Bass, Assistant Curate, Leavesden: to be Vicar, Luton, St Andrew (St Albans).

The Rev Philip Brown, Assistant Curate, St Peter, Rock Ferry: to be Vicar, St Barnabas, Hattersley (Chester).

The Rev Roy Brown, Vicar, Harbury and Ladbroke: to be *also* Rural Dean of Southam (Coventry).

The Rev Christopher Bull, Curate, Leominster Team Ministry: to be Priest-in-charge, St Mary Westbury; Holy Trinity; All Saints, Great Wollaston; St John Baptist, Middletown (Hereford).

The Rev Helen Chantry, Diocesan Youth Officer (Chester): now *also* Assistant Priest, St Bartholomew, Barrow, same diocese.

The Rev Peter Chantry, Diocesan Youth Officer (Chester): now *also* Priest-in-charge, St Bartholomew, Barrow (Chester).

The Rev Eric Crouchman, to be Rector, Wickhambrook, Lidgate w Ousden and Cowlinge (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich).

Other resignations and retirements.

The Rev John Bannister, Curate (NSM), Rye (Chichester): now retired.

The Rev Michael Gray, Team Vicar, Crawley (Chichester): now retired.

The Rev Robert Slater, Vicar, St James, Rounds Green (Birmingham) has resigned.

The Rev Gordon Stinson, Vicar, Gosfield (Chelmsford): to retire as from May 1.

Nature notes

THE first chaffinches are singing: their song gets louder and faster until it ends in a run of three or four notes that seem to tumble over each other. Robins have been singing all through the winter but their song is now becoming richer and sweeter. Most female robins have already given up their winter territories and paired with a neighbouring male.

The laughing call of the green woodpecker is turning into a spring song: it is now more musical, and each outburst lasts longer. Long-tailed tits are coming down into gorse bushes and thick cypress hedges to look for nest-sites: they are early nesters, and some of them will start building their domed nests at the beginning of March.

More daisies are sprinkling the lawns. The spotty leaves of cuckoo-pint, or wild arum, are coming up on hedge-banks: when they first break through the soil they are curled up, but they quickly unfurl and reveal their arrowhead shape. The large seven-spot ladybirds emerge from their winter hiding-places in the sunshine and crawl about on the leaves, but their bodies need to get warmer before they are ready to fly.



The green woodpecker

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BIRTHS

BLANCHETTE On 2nd February to Frank & Kate a gorgeous daughter Eliza Daly, a sister for sweet Nicholas. Warm thanks to Bhima, Yehudi and all at the hospital of St John & St Elizabeth.

BRAUNBEGER VON BRAUNTHAL On February the 1st to Kate née Pratt and Leonhard, a son Philip Olaf, a brother for Anna.

BULLOCK - On 2nd February at St Johns Hospital Chelmsford, to Julie (née Wallen) and Jon a daughter Emily Ann and a son Jack Michael.

DEBBEN - On 28th January 1995 to Pauline (née Beck) and Stephen, a beautiful daughter Bethan Nicole

GODDARD On Feb 2nd in Hong Kong to Victoria & Thomas a daughter.

MORCHOEFF On 3rd of February to Karin and David. A son James Gerald Imrie, a brother for Catherine.

BIRTHS

SHEPP - On November 19th 1994, to Marion and Martin, a daughter, Victoria Louise. A sister for Robert.

TAYLOR - On Monday 23rd January 1995, to Sally (née Clarke) and Andrew, a daughter, Emma Antonia.

TAYLOR On January 22nd in Plymouth to Anne (née Shone) and Richard a daughter Helen Laura.

WIRSZYCZ - To Hilary Whicker and Rob Wirszycz, a daughter, Anna Lilian, born 23rd January at Ealing Hospital.

DEATHS

AMEY - Ronald William, peacefully on 2nd February in Abingdon Hospital, beloved husband of Elspeth and the late Phyllis. A loving father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Private family funeral. DIE a Memorial Service will be held at Abingdon School on Saturday 25th February at 2.30pm.

DEATHS

ARMSTRONG On 3rd February 1995 peacefully at Horsdal House Nursing Home, Minchinhampton, Glos. Aged 96 Brigadier E.F.E Armstrong C.B.E Royal Engineers (Commissioned 20th September 1918 retired 1964) Husband of the late Vera Armstrong. Cremation at Cheltenham Crematorium at 2.30pm on Thursday 9th February 1995. Arrangements and enquires c/o Fred Stevens Funeral Directors, Newmarket Rd, Nailsworth, Glos GL6 0DQ.

ASTLEY - On February 3rd, peacefully, Dr. Clifford Edric Astley M.B., Ch.B., F.R.C.P., beloved husband of Joan Shirley, loving father of Melanie and Beverley and grandfather of Charlotte, Joanna and Henry. Funeral Service at Randalls Park Crematorium, Letherhead, on Friday February 10th at 11.30am. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to The Alzheimers Disease Association, 158/160 Balham High Road, London SW12 9BN

FOWLER - On 14th January 1995, Kathleen May, sister of Doreen, Jean and Hilda, peacefully at Trinity Hospice, Clapham, London, aged 84.

HENDERSON - On February 2nd 1995, at home, after a long illness. Vera beloved wife, 60Over aged grandmother. Funeral service at St Mary's Church, Hanley, York on Friday February 10th at 2.45pm, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only please.

DEATHS

HIGGINS - On February 2nd in William Harvey Hospital, John Hugh aged 78. Funeral service 12.30pm on Feb 8th at Holy Trinity Church, Sandgate Road, Folkestone. Family flowers only, donations if desired to "Holy Trinity Church" C/O Chittenden's Funeral Services, 1 Ingoldsby Road, Folkestone, CT19 6JJ. Telephone 0303 861456

HISOLL - Garth, peacefully passed away on 3rd February 1995, with his family around him. He will always be in our thoughts and hearts. Funeral to take place on Wednesday 8th February at 2.00 pm at St Michael and All Angels Church, Waterford, Herts.

LEGATE - Vera nee Henderson.

MARTIN - Janet (née Ascherson). Died peacefully in her sleep on the 24th January at Toulon.

SWALLOW - Dr. Nigel Denys Vincent, of Olney Buckinghamshire, on 3rd February, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by his family. Dearly loved husband, father, grandfather and brother. "Hasta la Vista". Memorial Service to be announced.

THOROGOOD - On February 4th 1995, John of Skegg. Writtle peacefully after a long illness. Funeral service at Writtle All Saints Church on Thursday 9th February at 1.30pm. Followed by private cremation. - Family flowers only but donations if desired to Injured Jockeys Fund C/O G Kelley & Son, St John's Road, Writtle, Essex CM1 3EB.

WHITE - Peter L.L.M, S.T.I.L. died peacefully aged 60 on 2nd February at Thames Valley Hospice after a long illness bravely fought. Beloved husband of Hilary and much loved father of Julia and Victoria. Cremation Thursday 9th February at 3.30pm Bracknell. Family flowers only, donations if desired to Thames Valley Hospice.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

KIPPAX OPENSHAW - A Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life of Nigel Kippax Openshaw will be held at 12 noon on Saturday 18th February 1995 at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Preston Candover, Hampshire.

SIMMONDS Professor Stuart. A Memorial Service will be held at The Church of Christ the King, Gordon Square, London WC1, on Friday 24th February 1995 at 12 noon.

TOMBS - A Service of Thanksgiving for Thetis Anne Tombs will be held at St Mary-le-Strand, London WC2, on Monday 20th February 1995 at 12 noon. All welcome.

IN MEMORIAM - PRIVATE

DEL MAR - Norman Rene CBE, died 6th February 1994. Remembered always with deepest love, admiration and gratitude.

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WATSON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Alastair Watson, will be held at St Columba's Church of Scotland, Pont Street, London SW1 on Friday March 3rd at 12 noon.

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OBITUARIES

PATRICIA HIGHSMITH

Patricia Highsmith, American novelist and short-story writer died in Locarno, Switzerland, on February 4 aged 74. She was born at Fort Worth, Texas, on January 1, 1921.



PATRICIA HIGHSMITH had no objection to being called a crime writer but, although most of her work remained within the field of crime fiction, her primary interests and her appeal strayed far beyond anything which could properly be described as detective stories. Her first novel, *Strangers on a Train*, is probably best known simply because Alfred Hitchcock turned it into a very successful film, scripted by Raymond Chandler: but the book is hardly typical of her work, the brightly polished film even less so.

Much more characteristic is *The Talented Mr Ripley*, which displays a chilling amorality that some readers found highly distasteful. Highsmith was admired by critics such as Graham Greene who were attracted by the darkness of her themes: he called her a "poet of apprehension". "Unease" and "edginess" were words frequently applied to the mood she engendered. Significantly, she was less popular in her native America than in Britain, and less popular in Britain than in continental Europe, where crime fiction has always tended to have a darker tone.

Both Patricia Highsmith's parents were commerical artists, but they had separated four months before she was born. She was twelve years old before she even met her father, Jay Bernard Plangman. She was brought up initially by her maternal grandmother, but when she was three her mother married the man to whom Patricia would later refer curtly as "Highsmith". He adopted her. Their home in New York was an untidy place of constant emotional storms and squabbles, which left her with a strong antipathy for the claustrophobia of family life. One of her stories was about a small boy sharing a one-room apartment with his artist mother — whom he murders.

A tale she wrote for her school magazine, about a homicidal nanny, was rejected as too unpleasant. At Barnard College she studied English composition: two years on playwriting, two years on the short story, but nothing, as she afterwards ruefully recalled, on the novel.

Although she was also quite an accomplished artist, she decided that writing should be her career. When she graduated in 1942 her plan was to accumulate enough money to live on while she wrote a novel. Having answered an advertisement which turned out to be for a scriptwriter in the comic book industry, she developed the narratives for characters such as Superman.

As soon as possible, however, she went to Mexico to begin a literary career. Her first attempt, a straggling Gothic novel, was never finished. But she taught herself technique, and *Strangers on a Train* was published in 1950. Its plot, in which the innocent hero is approached by a psychotic to "swap" murders, each removing an obstacle from the other's life with no visible connection between killer and victim, happened to be used simultaneously by Cecil Day-Lewis, writing as Nicholas Blake, for his novel *A Penknife in my Heart*. But this appears to have been a genuine coincidence and nobody was greatly upset. In Patricia Highsmith's book, unlike the film, the second murder is duly committed and the hero, as well as the villain, comes to a bad end. The film rights were acquired for just $7,000, but she considered herself launched.

Almost casual murder, the sexually and morally ambiguous relationship between two men, and the idea of an innocent protagonist drawn accidentally but relentlessly to disaster, were elements that recurred in later books. She used crime not just as the hinge of a plot but to reveal and mould the peculiar or vulnerable psychology of her characters, never doubting, however, that her primary objective must be to entertain the reader.

The Talented Mr Ripley (1957) was probably her own favourite book. Ripley is an insecure young man who finds confidence only when acting out a criminal role. This quirk leads him, through a couple of murders and various adroit deceptions and escapes, to a new, happy and prosperous life. The complete lack of moral sensitivity, highlighted by touches of black humour, so outraged Marghanita Laski that she threatened to resign from the critics' panel of the Crime Writers' Association if Patricia Highsmith was given an award. Nevertheless, awards she duly received, both in Britain and in France. *Ripley* was made into a French film called *Purple Moon* and Patricia Highsmith deployed the character again in several subsequent books, the last of which, *Ripley Under Water*, was published in 1991.

She spent some time in Europe during the early 1950s, then returned to America, where she lived a nomadic existence, moving from city to city. In 1962 she came back to England, making her home for a while in a Suffolk village.

She moved to France in 1967. Disliking crowds and pressure, she settled about an hour's drive from Paris and lived in France for some years. Her manner of living was rather austere, with cats for company and a garden for relaxation. Although much admired by French intellectuals and film-makers, she went into Paris only on special occasions. Work, she said, was the great safeguard against depression. Except for a brief period in which she tried sharing with a female friend, she preferred to live alone.

Among the writers to whom she was rather absurdly compared, from Sophocles to Kierkegaard, Henry James at least had a certain relevance. The opening of the Ripley saga echoed *The Ambassadors*. Patricia Highsmith was interested in the experience of Americans in Europe. She herself had decided to find Europe more congenial. American society she thought "shaky" and rootless, American suburbs oppressively dull. "I was a sort of communist at one time," she recalled, "not for long, at the end of the Spanish Civil War." She wrote an unpublished political satire, but was not in fact very political, though her inclinations were certainly to the left. "I'm not mad about de Gaulle," she said in the 1960s. "France is slowly drifting into a fascist state." Latterly she had moved to Switzerland, settling near Locarno on Lake Maggiore.

The Tremor of Forgery (1969), set in North Africa and involving an American who never knows whom, if anyone, he has killed, was compared to Gide. Some of her bitterest books, however, such as *The Glass Cell* (1965), *A Dog's Ransome* (1972) and *Found in the Street* (1986), had American backgrounds. Disregard of human life, the callousness of chance and the deterioration of personality were themes running through them all.

She was fond of animals. At one stage she kept snails, and wrote a story called *The Snail-Watcher*. In *The Animal Lover's Book of Beastly Murder* (1975) various creatures wreak their vengeance on human beings; for example, a one-eyed, two-legged Venetian rat chews the nose off a baby's face. *Tales of Natural and Unnatural Catastrophes* (1987) envisaged ecological doom in several shapes. *Little Tales of Misogyny* (1977) seems generally misanthropic rather than prejudiced against either sex in particular. *Edith's Diary* (1977), although it includes a death by euthanasia, can scarcely be considered a crime novel; it is the portrait of a woman gradually retreating into madness.

Unlike some of her admirers, she never became pretentious. In a little book called *Plotting and Writing Suspense Fiction* (1966) she had expounded the practical principles of her craft, such as the desirability of starting, in the very first paragraph, with some slight puzzle. Introducing a volume of her short stories, Graham Greene wrote: "She has created a world of her own — a world claustrophobic and irrational which we enter each time with a sense of personal danger, with the head half-turned over the shoulder, even with a certain reluctance, for these are cruel pleasures we are about to experience."

She was clear-sighted and unromantic but always ready to help her professional colleagues. Julian Symons said, correctly, that her work was an acquired taste. "Most of my books are pretty gloomy," she admitted. She had no time for religion and no belief in luck, as distinct from blind chance. "I find the public passion for justice quite boring and artificial", she said, "for neither life nor nature cares if justice is ever done or not."

She was unmarried.

MAJOR-GENERAL NORMAN FOSTER



Foster with Princess Alexandra on the declaration of independence in Nigeria, 1960

Major-General Norman Foster, CB, DSO, Commander of the Royal Nigerian Army, 1959-62, and Director of British Army Security, 1965-73, died on January 3 aged 85. He was born on August 26, 1909.

NORMAN FOSTER was one of the lucky generation of Army officers who served the Crown throughout a golden age of soldiering from the run-up to the Second World War in the early 1930s to the end of the withdrawal from Empire 40 years later. Born in India, he saw the British Raj through young eyes and was inspired by its spirit of service, little realising that one day he would be one of the last British commanders of the Royal Nigerian Army.

Norman Leslie Foster was educated at Westminster School and the Royal Military Academy, Woolwich, where he won the Sword of Honour. Commissioned into the Royal Regiment of Artillery and being a fine horseman from his upbringing in India, he was soon selected for the elite Royal Horse Artillery and joined K Battery RHA at St John's Wood, where he led the musical drive two years running at Olympia and at King George VI's Coronation. Before the war he played cricket and hockey for the Army.

In 1939 K Battery went to France as part of the 5th Regiment RHA, with Foster as the regimental adjutant. Frustratingly, his recall to England to attend the Staff College, Camberley, coincided with Hitler's attack in the West. Much to his chagrin, he had missed his first opportunity of seeing active service.

After staff college he was immersed in the staff side of anti-invasion preparations, but made good his escape to the Middle East in July 1942 as second-in-command of the 2nd RHA in the Western Desert during the retreat to El Alamein. In September 1942 he became the GSO 1 (RA) on General Alexander's staff for the rest of the Desert War. After the fall of Tunis, he was appointed GSO 1 of the 56th Division, which was destined for Italy.

After reaching Cassino, he was overjoyed to be given command of the 154th Field Regiment RA — the Leicestershire Yeomanry — which he led with great zest throughout the rest of the Italian campaign, winning the DSO. These were some of the happiest days of his life.

After the war, in Germany he commanded the 4th RHA and was subsequently CRA of the 11th Armoured and 4th Infantry Divisions. Following a year at the Imperial Defence College and a spell as deputy military secretary in the War Office, his career took an unexpected turn.

Without any previous experience of African troops, he was appointed GOC of the Royal West African Frontier Force, which was Nigerian-manned but still largely British-officered. Under normal circumstances this would have been a happy retirement posting, but the Suez debacle had resulted in Harold Macmillan's decision to accelerate the planned grant of independence to colonial territories by five to ten years. Nigeria was to become independent in 1960, just a year after Foster's appointment, yet the replacement of British by Nigerian officers had barely started.

With the close co-operation of the future head of state, Sir Tafewa Belawa Abubakir, and the Governor, Sir James Robertson, Foster put the reorganisation plan into action, balancing the various tribal claims reasonably successfully. On October 1, 1960, when the Union flag was lowered, the Frontier Force became the Royal Nigerian Army with Foster as its first Commander (under contract to the new Nigerian Government).

He stayed on until the end of his contract, but found himself increasingly opposed by local ministers whose sole aim was to advance their tribal interests. However, he had the satisfaction, before he left in 1962, of successfully deploying a Nigerian brigade to the Congo in support of the United Nations peacekeeping operations.

On returning home, he was appointed president of the Army's Regular Commissions Board, retiring from the Army in 1965. Having learnt a good deal about schools, he became a consultant, then chairman and finally president of the Truman and Knightley Educational Trust.

Almost immediately after he had retired, however, the Army reclaimed his services by appointing him the first Director of Army Security in response to the national spy scandals of the 1950s and 1960s. He sought Field Marshal Sir Gerald Templer's advice on how to set up the new directorate. Templer's final words to him were "when you have court-martialled a general, you will have succeeded". He never did, but his organisation still exists. He went on in 1974 to be Security Adviser to the Civil Service Department, finally retiring in 1979.

His wife Joan was killed in a car crash in 1991. Both their sons survive him.

ROBERT SHAW

Robert Shaw, LVO, architect and town planner, died on January 20 aged 81. He was born near Liverpool on May 26, 1913.



ONE of those architects whose names are unknown to the wider public, Robert Shaw nevertheless made an outstanding contribution to the amenities of London. In specialist and professional circles he was widely recognised and admired. In recent years he gave limitless time and energy to furthering the work of the Silver Jubilee Walkway Trust, of which he was chairman.

It is hard now to recall how little public access there was to the Thames at the end of Second World War. Today it is possible to walk uninterruptedly along the South Bank from Lambeth Palace to Tower Bridge, and this is the particular triumph of the Jubilee Walkway Trust. Altogether the walkway covers some 12 miles, marked by 400 metal disks in the paving and by panoramic viewing panels at intervals, which indicate the points of special interest.

It runs from Leicester Square to Lambeth Bridge, to Tower Bridge and back via the Mansion House, St Paul's, Lincoln's Inn Fields and Covent Garden to Leicester Square again; there are "spurs" embracing the City and Bloomsbury. All of it is interesting, but the riparian, riverbank element remains its most significant feature, giving the pedestrian views of London and its buildings which had for decades been obscured.

Robert Henry Shaw was educated at the Liverpool Institute and received his professional architectural training at Liverpool University, graduating in the mid-1930s. His early practical experience was gained in the studios of Willi Erdman in Berlin and Maxwell Fry in London (during the period in which Gropius had joined the practice).

As a Territorial he joined the Royal Engineers on the outbreak of the Second World War and found himself as Garrison Engineer at Windsor (where he met Princess Elizabeth and the rest of the Royal Family), before service overseas as a captain, building airfields in Iraq, Iran, Bahrain and India. This had to be done with such local materials as were to hand, with hangar-type buildings for example being constructed of bamboo.

In 1945, back in London, he married and became principal planner in the old Ministry of Housing and Local Government (now the Department of the Environment). Here, for the next twenty years, he was head of the planning wing of the Joint Urban Planning Group. As such he was concerned, among much else, with the first 15 New Towns, and sat on many influential committees at home and abroad.

In 1965 he moved to County Hall, as assistant chief planner to the newly created Greater London Council, where he was to remain for the following 13 years. As those years slip into history, it is easy to forget now what a powerhouse of professional expertise was built up by the old LCC and then the GLC. Shaw had responsibility for technical work on innumerable major projects, from the first proposals for London Docklands to the Channel Tunnel rail link to a London terminal.

At the same time he retained a particular concern for the detail of townscape and civic design, and this came through in the many ancillary activities into which he threw himself. He played an active role in both of his professions, notably on the council of the Royal Town Planning Institute, as chairman of the Land Use Society, honorary secretary of the Commonwealth Association of Planners, as a lecturer and examiner, and in extensive lecturing overseas for the British Council.

On leaving the GLC he continued to act widely as a consultant — in Nigeria, Libya, Jordan, Syria and the Cayman Islands, as well as in connection with numerous development proposals in London.

However, it may well be that it is for his connection with the Silver Jubilee Walkway Trust in London that he will be best remembered. Through the generosity of business and industry, the Queen's Jubilee in 1977 was marked in London by a series of special initiatives and events. Because of his GLC responsibility for the South Bank Comprehensive Development Area, Shaw found himself on the environmental committee of the main Jubilee committee.

The Queen had expressed the desire for some lasting environmental improvement to come out of the celebrations and, at the suggestion of the redoubtable Max Nicholson, proposals were made for a continuous walkway through the central area of the metropolis, linking the most interesting buildings and places. Existing highways and footpaths would be used wherever possible, but new ones created, particularly along the banks of the river, where none existed.

That all this has come about is due primarily to the unremitting work put in by Robert Shaw, its chairman from the outset. He it was who obtained the support and co-operation of the various boroughs through which the walkway passes. He it was who, by his charm, courtesy and determination, secured the sponsorship of leading companies and other organisations which alone ensured the continued existence of the Trust after the demise of the GLC.

He chaired a group of distinguished trustees, but they would be the first to acknowledge that the lion's share of credit for what was achieved was due to him. It was fitting that completion of the final link of the walkway on the South Bank last November should have been marked by the presence of the Queen, and that she should have chosen the occasion to invest Shaw with the insignia of LVO.

He is survived by his wife Frances and a son.

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OBITUARY.

Among the persons of note who passed away last week was Mr. Edward Lear, the popular and humorous author and artist who achieved a very wide celebrity as the originator of the "nonsense verses" which, some years ago, were in everybody's mouth. Mr. Lear died at his residence, Villa Tennyson, San Remo, at an advanced age. While he had long delighted the public by his artistic compositions and ingenious nonsense rhymes, his talent had also a more serious bent. As long ago as 1831 he published his folio work entitled "Illustrations of the Family of Psittacidae", which contained 42 lithographic plates drawn from life by the author. This was succeeded in 1831 by "Views in Rome and its Environs: drawn from Nature and on Stone." In 1851 appeared the deceased's "Journals of a Landscape Painter in Albania &c." In 1863 appeared his "Views in the Seven Ionian Islands" and during the same year was published the first of those volumes which have made Mr. Lear's name a household word. It was called "A Book of Nonsense," and it speedily ran through ten editions. In 1870 appeared the "Journal of a Landscape Painter in Corsica," and in 1871, his "Nonsense, Songs, Stories, Botany and Alphabet." "More Nonsense, Pictures, Rhymes, Botany, &c." succeeded, and in 1872 he drew, in conjunction with Mr. J.C. Sowerby, the illustrations for Mr. Gray's work on "Tortoises, Terrapins, and Turtles." In 1877 Mr. Lear published yet another volume of quaint literary and artistic humour, under the title of "Laughable Lyrics": a fourth book of Nonsense, Poems, Songs, Botany, Music, &c.

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Though Edward Lear's nonsense verses have always had a host of admirers, his talent as an artist is less well remembered. As a young man, he worked as a draughtsman in the gardens of the Zoological Society.

ACCIDENT TO A LADY LION TAMER.

There was an alarming occurrence in Mr. Dan Lowry's Star Music-hall, Dublin, on Friday night. Mdlle. Senide, the lion tamer, who for some weeks past has been exhibiting a troupe of wild animals, was taking her benefit. One of the feats she was in the habit of undertaking was placing her head within the mouth of one of her lions, and retaining it there for some time. When the entertainment was over, however, a photographer was in attendance to take views of her.

It required a considerable time to arrange the preliminaries, and the lion, it appears, grew impatient under the delay. Meanwhile Mdlle. Senide was holding her head in the animal's mouth in the manner which she was in the habit of appearing before the audience, when the photographer turned on the magnesium light. The flash startled the animal, and he closed his mouth suddenly. Fortunately the lady was able to withdraw her head quickly, but her right cheek was caught by the teeth of the animal and was torn completely open, the cut extending down to the chin. The animal also placed his paw upon her shoulder, and inflicted an ugly scratch along the upper part of the chest. On Saturday morning Mdlle. Senide sent word by her manager that she would appear that night at the music-hall, but her doctors persuaded her not to do so. She is still thought to be in some danger.

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NEWS

Ministers reopen Tory civil war

■ Michael Heseltine yesterday raised the standard of the Tory pro-Europeans with a warning against Britain turning its back on a single currency and a pledge not to pander to the Euro-sceptic public mood. He said the Government must not allow any doubts to arise over its commitment to the European Union: foreign investment could be at risk

The same day Jonathan Aitken, Treasury Chief Secretary, publicly set his face against a single currency: "I don't want a single currency, period, for as far as I can foresee"..... **Page 1**

'Boot camp' for young offenders.

■ In an attempt to knock criminal tendencies out of young offenders, the Government plans to introduce American-style "boot camps" which will provide tougher and more physically demanding regimes ..... **Page 1**

Jewellery theft

Three intruders made off with a haul estimated at £250,000 yesterday during a six-hour armed police siege at the Regent Street jewellers Garrard ..... **Page 1**

Unionist pressure

Ulster Unionists tried to increase pressure on John Major to ditch plans to allow Dublin's involvement in Northern Ireland by hinting they would be happy to work with a Labour government**Page 1**

Teachers' increase

The Government is to announce that it will provide £290 million for pay rises for the half million teachers in England and Wales despite a Treasury refusal to provide the extra money.....**1Page 2**

Nevis survivors

Two women survived two nights on Ben Nevis in freezing temperatures by digging a snowhole, wrapping their arms around each other and meticulously following survival techniques.....**1Page 3**

Security row

Families of Lockerbie bomb victims are angered by a decision to reduce anti-terrorist inspections at the Channel Tunnel and at airports.....**Page 4**

Shuttle leak

Fuel leaking from a rocket thruster of the space shuttle *Discovery* could jeopardise the planned link-up today with the Russian Mir space station.....**Page 6**

West trial begins

Committal proceedings against Rosemary West, the Gloucester housewife accused of ten murders, begins today as lawyers acting are concerned that reports of the hearing are not subject to restrictions abroad.....**Page 8**

Labour's hope

Professor David Marquand called Will Hutton's book *The State We're In* "the Big Idea" for which the Labour Party has been groping". Jonathan Clark is unpersuaded: *Agenda*.....**Page 9**

Algerian anger

Algeria reacted angrily to a French proposal for a European-sponsored conference to seek peace in the North African country's bloody civil conflict **Page 10**

Royal visit

The Princess of Wales will drop the sophisticated image that she presented in New York last week when she visits Japan as a charity ambassador.....**Page 11**

Trade war hope

Businessmen in the US and China hope that a gruelling trade war over intellectual property piracy can be avoided..... **Page 12**

Looking east

The United States has suggested that a standing consultative commission be set up to keep Russia informed of moves by Nato to extend membership to Eastern Europe ..... **Page 13**

Hidden treasures come to light

■ A Cézanne and a Picasso are among 74 Impressionist, post-Impressionist and modern masterpieces that have been hidden in the vaults of the Hermitage museum in St Petersburg since the Second World War. The paintings were confiscated in 1945 by Soviet troops as compensation for Hitler's mass destruction of their cultural heritage .....**Pages 1, 5**



MICHAEL POWELL

Dame Joan Sutherland with costumes that she wore in Tales of Hoffman, left, and The Merry Widow. They are among a selection of opera costumes that are on show at Sotheby's, London, before being auctioned on Thursday

BUSINESS

Inn the lead: British Land is poised to take over 320 pubs from Inntrepreneur Estates, the joint venture between Grand Metropolitan and Courage. The property group is in the lead to buy the freeholds of the pubs, which are leased to Scottish & Newcastle and generate rents of £18 million..... **Page 44**

Statistics row: the Government faces a row over unemployment figures after an independent inquiry carried out by the Royal Statistical Society. The report, an outline of which has already been presented to ministers, recommends that statistics based on unemployment benefit should be replaced by a monthly version of the Labour Force Survey's quarterly report..... **Page 44**

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Profitable lesson: In Hartford, Connecticut, all 32 schools are being run and repaired by a private company..... **Page 37**

Animal boarders: Whether it is a ferret, polo pony, snake or ordinary rabbit, if it has a desirable pupil in tow it will find a welcome at one of the top boarding schools... **Page 37**

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Tippett triumph: The English National Opera staging of Sir Michael Tippett's 1962 "Trojan War" epic, *King Priam*, made a superb overture to the festival celebrating the composer's 90th birthday.. **Page 15**

Not so gory: Philip Prowse's production of Middleton's *Women beware Women* deprived the audience of its catalogue of gory death. That's the whole point, says Jeremy Kingston ..... **Page 14**

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Rugby Union: The French flanker Abdel Benazzi has cleared the England skipper Will Carling of allegations of foul play by admitting it was he who injured team-mate Jean-Luc Sadourny during Saturday's match at Twickenham. Sadourny needed 12 stitches in a gash behind his left knee..... **Page 23**

Football: Blackburn Rovers, leaders of the FA Carling Premiership, were beaten 3-1 by Tottenham Hotspur yesterday, only their fourth league defeat of the season ..... **Page 23**

Golf: Santiago Luna, of Spain, a member of the European Tour for ten years, won his first title by taking the Madeira Island Open yesterday by a four-shot margin, winning £41,660 .....**Page 25**

Rugby League: Martin Offiah scored three tries as Wigan overhauled Leeds at the top of the Stones Bitter Championship by beating Castleford by 46 points to 6 at Central Park.....**24**

Athletics: Nico Motcheban, of Germany, broke Sebastian Coe's 12-year-old European indoor 800 metres record by three-hundreds of a second at Stuttgart, where John Regis set a new United Kingdom record in the 200 metres... **Page24**



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Wait and see

Opposition to European integration should be seen as a climate change, and it is a transformation that has swept not just the country and the Conservative Party, but much of the Cabinet too....**Page 19**

Left in the lurch

The fragmentation of French political allegiances seems unlikely to save the Socialists from wilderness years as bleak as those from which M Mitterrand began the left's comeback 20 years ago.....**Page 19**

A sense of danger

Crime novelists may not win literary prizes. But they provide entertainment and pleasure. They may even throw some light on the dark side of human nature. In any case, they keep the pages turning**Page 19**

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WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Watergate involved much less serious criminal issues than those at stake in the Whitewater affair. President Clinton is nowtrapped by a process of inquiry from which he would be unlikely to escape even if he were wholly innocent of any wrongdoing.....**Page 18**

PETER RIDDELL

Tony Blair may have to offer his supporters a new Clause Four, but the Tories have prospered far more this century without such an ideological deadweight.....**Page 18**

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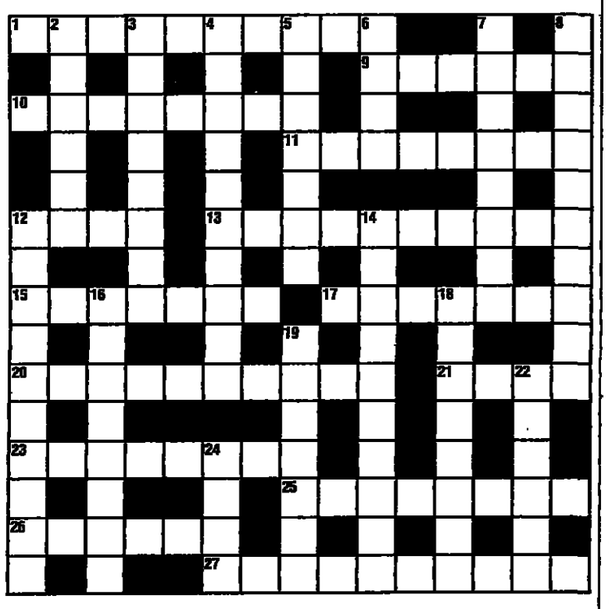
The Federal Reserve is trying to restrain the economy and pull it down to a lower rate of growth without tipping it into a recession.
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Saturday: Highest day temp: Penzance, Cornwall, 14C (57F); lowest day max: Loch Glascarnoch, Highland, 5C (41F); highest rainfall: Jersey, Channel Islands, 0.48in; highest sunshine: Ventnor, Isle of Wight, 7.3hr

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FORECAST

☐ **General:** England and Wales will be dry, apart from patchy drizzle near western coasts, but rather cloudy. A few bright intervals will develop, chiefly in the east. A very mild day but feeling cooler in the fresh to strong SW winds. Scotland and Northern Ireland will be cloudy with rain or drizzle in the west. Heavier rain will spread south during the day, followed in the north by colder weather with wintry showers. Winds SW strong to gale force.

☐ **London, SE England, E Anglia, Central S England, E Midlands, E England, W Midlands, Central N, NE England:** dry, mild and cloudy, a few bright or sunny spells developing. Wind W, strong and gusty in the north. Max 13C (55F).

☐ **Channel Isles, SW England, S Wales, N Wales, NW England, Lake District, Isle of Man, SW Scotland, N Ireland:** cloudy with patchy drizzle, a few bright intervals developing. Wind SW fresh but strong in north. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Borders, Edinburgh & Dundee, Aberdeen:** dry with bright spells, rain spreading from the north. Wind W strong and gusty. Max 12C (54F).

☐ **Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, NE Scotland, Argyll, NW Scotland, Orkney, Shetland:** patchy rain, becoming heavier, followed in the north by wintry showers. Wind SW strong to gale force, turning NW. Max 11C (52F)

☐ **Outlook:** dry and mild in the south, but rain will move south, followed by colder, brighter weather.

AROUND BRITAIN

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	6.4	-	9	48	s
Anglesey	1.4	-	10	50	c
Aspatria	6.1	0.02	9	48	s
Aviemore	4.0	0.01	7	45	s
Belfast	3.5	0.10	10	50	r
Birmingham	3.6	-	11	52	b
Bognor R	7.1	0.09	13	55	s
Bournem'th	6.1	0.18	12	54	s
Bristol	6.7	-	11	52	s
Buxton	0.7	0.03	8	46	c
Cardiff	2.1	-	9	48	c
Clacton	6.2	-	12	54	s
Colwyn Bay	0.1	-	11	52	c
Cromer	2.8	-	10	50	b
Eastbourne	4.7	0.20	12	54	b
Edinburgh	4.6	0.15	9	48	b
Eskdalemuir	4.8	0.13	8	46	sh
Exmouth	6.0	0.12	11	52	s
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Glasgow	5.1	0.16	9	48	sh
Guernsey	-	0.40	13	55	fg
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Hove	3.2	-	13	55	b
Jersey	1.4	0.48	13	55	fg
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London	3.8	-	13	55	b
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Manchester	-	0.02	10	50	d
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Newcastle	3.8	0.02	10	50	b
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Norwich	2.6	-	11	52	b
Nottingham	0.3	-	10	50	c
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Poole	5.1	0.12	12	54	s
Ross-o-wye	7.1	-	13	55	s
Sandown	6.0	0.16	13	55	s
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Scilly Isles	1.3	0.19	11	52	fg
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Torquay	6.4	0.21	12	54	s
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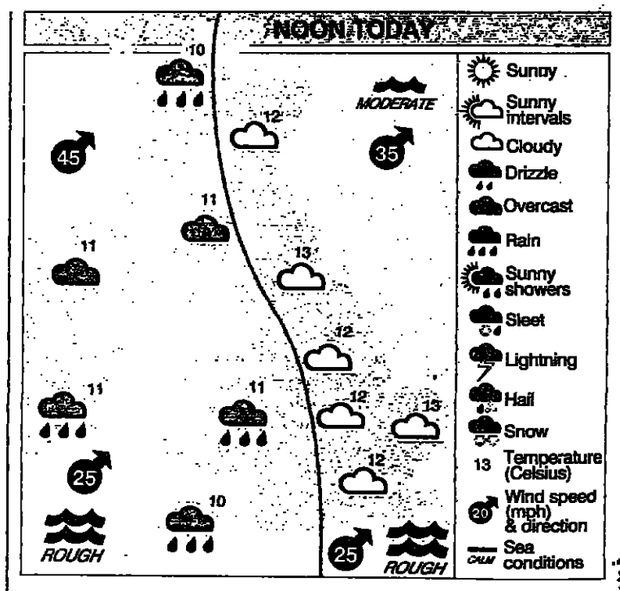
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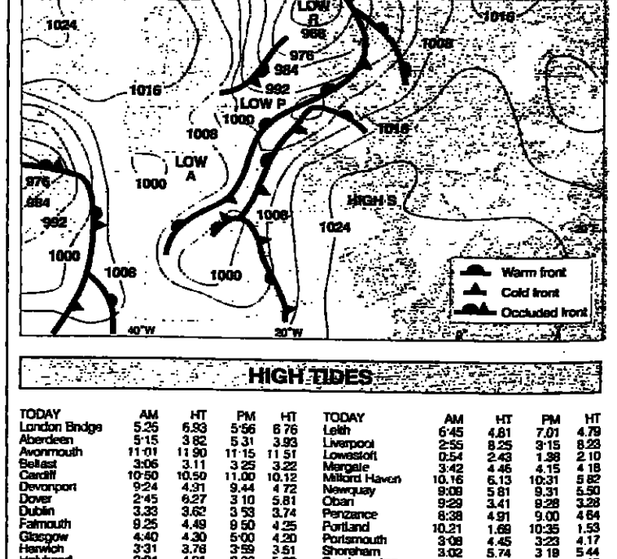
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Algiers	16	61	s	Faro	17	63	f	Melb'rne	20	68	r
Amst'dm	6	46	c	Florence	8	46	f	Madeo C	18	64	c
Athens	10	50	f	Frankfurt	8	46	c	Miami	23	73	s
Balmain	25	77	c	Funchal	17	63	c	Milan	9	48	c
Bangkok	27	81	s	Geneva	6	43	c	Montreal	-	--	
Barcelona	16	61	s	Gibraltar	15	59	s	Moscow	-2	28	c
Beirut	16	61	f	Helsinki	1	34	c	Munich	7	45	c
Belgrade	4	39	s	Hong K	18	61	f	Nairobi	29	84	s
Berlin	7	45	f	Innsbrck	3	37	f	Naples	13	55	s
Bermuda	18	64	f	Istanbul	4	39	f	N Delhi	19	66	s
Biarritz	11	52	s	Jeddah	25	77	f	N York	-1	30	s
Borde'x	12	54	c	Jo'burg	-	--		Nice	14	57	s
Brussels	9	48	f	Karachi	30	86	s	Oslo	3	37	sn
Budapst	7	45	f	L Palmas	21	70	s	Paris	10	50	c
B Aires	26	82	s	Le Tquet	8	46	f	Peking	8	46	s
Cairo	18	61	f	Lisbon	13	55	s	Perth	25	77	s
Cape Tn	32	90	s	Locarno	13	55	s	Prague	6	43	f
Chicago	1	34	c	L Angels	28	79	s	Reykjavik	-1	30	f
Ch'church	14	57	r	Luxembg	7	45	c	Rhodes	13	55	s
Cologne	9	48	c	Luxor	21	70	c	Rio de J	27	81	f
C'phagn	7	45	s	Madrid	13	55	s	Riyadh	24	75	f
Rome	14	57	s
Salzburg	7	45	c
S F'isco	14	57	s
Santiago	27	81	s
S Paulo	21	70	d
Seoul	2	36	s
Sing'por	24	75	r
St'kholm	2	36	s
Strasb'rg	8	46	c
Sydney	27	81	s
Tangier	20	68	s
Tel Aviv	13	55	r
Tenerife	23	73	s
Tokyo	3	37	c
Toronto	-5	23	f
Tunis	16	61	c
Valencia	17	63	s
Vanc'ver	9	48	c
Venice	3	37	fg
Vienna	8	46	r
Warsaw	4	39	c
Wash'ton	0	32	f
Wel'ngton	18	64	r
Zurich	7	45	c

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NOON TODAY



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HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	5.26	6.33	5.56	6.76
Aberdeen	5.15	3.82	5.31	3.83
Avonmouth	11.01	11.90	11.15	11.51
Bellast	3.06	3.11	3.25	3.22
Cardiff	10.50	10.50	11.00	10.12
Devonport	9.24	4.91	9.44	4.72
Dover	2.45	6.27	3.10	5.81
Dublin	3.33	3.62	3.53	3.74
Falmouth	9.25	4.49	9.50	4.25
Glasgow	4.40	4.30	5.00	4.20
Harwich	3.31	3.78	3.59	3.51
Holyhead	2.04	4.91	2.26	5.02
Hull	10.13	6.54	10.25	6.72
Ilfracombe	9.52	8.06	10.03	7.73
King's Lynn	10.23	5.53	10.43	5.49

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
Leith	6.45	4.81	7.01	4.79
Liverpool	2.55	8.25	3.15	8.23
Lowestoft	0.54	2.43	1.38	2.19
Margate	3.42	4.46	4.15	4.18
Milford Haven	10.16	6.13	10.31	5.82
Newquay	9.08	5.81	9.31	5.50
Oban	9.29	3.41	9.28	3.28
Penzance	8.38	4.91	9.00	4.64
Portland	10.21	1.68	10.35	1.53
Portsmouth	3.08	4.45	3.23	4.17
Shoreham	3.02	5.74	3.19	5.44
Southampton	2.32	4.23	2.49	4.05
Swansea	10.14	8.35	10.28	7.99
Tees	7.58	4.60	8.08	4.69
W'ton-on-Nze	3.23	3.89	3.55	3.62

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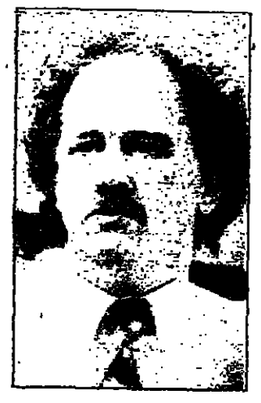
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Klinsmann fires the first Tottenham goal past Hendry, the Blackburn Rovers defender, during the exhilarating encounter at White Hart Lane yesterday. Photographs: Marc Aspland

Benazzi clears Carling

ENGLAND will announce today what will surely be an unchanged team to play Wales in the rugby union five nations' championship in Cardiff on February 18, confident that the storm in a teacup surrounding an injured French opponent has subsided (David Hands writes).

Jean-Luc Sadourny, the France full back, was forced to leave the field at Twickenham on Saturday during England's 31-10 victory after receiving a nasty gash to the back of his left knee. The cut, caused by a stray stud, required 12 stitches and it was suggested yesterday that it could have been caused by Will Carling, the England captain.

However, media suggestions that the injury could have been deliberate collapsed when Abdelatif Benazzi admitted that he might inadvertently have damaged his colleague. After watching a video recording, Benazzi said: "It was just bad luck. It was a clean match."

At the official banquet, Bernard Lapasset, the president of the French federation, stressed the warmth of the relationship between English and French officials and praised the Twickenham crowd. "The crowd showed they could appreciate good rugby and respect an opponent," he said. "They have given a lesson of fair play to the world."

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Blackburn defeat opens up Premiership title race

Tottenham enjoy glory day

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BY ROB HUGHES
FOOTBALL CORRESPONDENT

A HALLELUJAH performance by Tottenham Hotspur, full of verve reminiscent of their glory days, put Blackburn Rovers, the leaders of the FA Carling Premiership, to the sword yesterday.

The scoreline, thoroughly deserved, was one source of Tottenham celebration. The exhilarating commitment and movement of Barmby and Anderton were another, and, as even Kenny Dalglish, the Blackburn manager, admitted, a Sunday when the referee was worthy of considerable praise was indeed a 'glorious day.

But when Dalglish says that his team will play worse than this and emerge with three points, he masks the manner in which the home side dug so deeply into his team. For Tottenham, combining movement with the order that Gerry Francis, the new manager, has inculcated, there were moments in the first half that surpassed what is expected of the English game.

These moments, which combined the athletic leadership of Klinsmann, the perceptive touches of Popescu, and the dashing eagerness of the wingers, set up a match that saw the league leaders concede three goals; and Blackburn have, in 13 previous away games, stifled the opposition to concede a mere eight in total.

Thus, from afar, those watching with Manchester United close to their nearts will know that the championship lead has now been whittled down to two points. The champions' supporters will know that resilience and perseverance are the cornerstones of this Blackburn team, and that there is therefore no semblance of a white flag. But, with both teams level on games, there is now, thanks largely to Tottenham, a real race for the title in progress.

"I was a very, very proud manager in the first half," Francis said afterwards. "Not only with our exceptional inter-play and movement, but when we didn't have the ball, all that we have been working on on the training ground — closing down, tackling, defending — came into play."

Beyond that there was the touch and flow, the vivacity of Tottenham playing at high speed. Goal number one, in the 17th minute, exemplified it.

Tottenham had been under pressure. Wright had crossed from the left and Shearer met the ball in the air. But his header rebounded off Mabbutt and Anderton began the swiftest of counter-attacks. His long ball fell at the feet of Barmby. The little man ran urgently at a retreating defence, his through ball was anticipated by Klinsmann, and the German shot straight towards the advancing Mimms, and straight through the hapless goalkeeper's legs.

Now Tottenham were irresistible. They played the back heel as though it were patented at White Hart Lane, and inevitably, in the 30th minute, it was Klinsman who set up the second goal. In fact, Anderton mis-hit his shot and poor Mimms, on his return to White Hart Lane, was stranded when the ball struck Hendry on the inside of the right thigh and changed course completely.

So, two-up at the interval, what does a manager like Francis then say to his men? "I told them we were playing the most consistent team in the league, that I was proud, but we must not concede an early goal. That worked . . . !"

It worked against the home side. From a corner on the right, Tottenham seemed static in defence, perhaps still listening to their manager, or perhaps forgetting his warning altogether. Sutton got behind them, turned and chipped the ball towards the far post. Shearer rose dynamically and, from his downward header, Sherwood proved deadly from six yards.

Game on. For 20 minutes Tottenham lost their belief, but fortunately not their newly engrained defensive resistance. Blackburn had lost, significantly, Ripley, whose thrust down the right is so important to their balance.

But then, after 79 minutes, Tottenham restored their two-goal advantage. Klinsman began the move by prompting Anderton, on the right, who swung the ball perceptively towards the penalty spot and there, arriving late, Barmby was able to stoop and direct his header wide of Mimms.

Before that Klinsman, again from an Anderton cross, had produced the most sublime of overhead kicks and Mimms, remarkably, had saved it. And, late in the game, Shearer had shaken off two defenders to beat Walker with a right-foot shot that smacked against the base of the near post.

The performances of the young Tottenham cult figures, Barmby, Anderton and possibly even Sol Campbell, will not be lost on Terry Venables. The England coach has to name a new squad today and, when he does so, all three may not be far from his mind.

TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR (4-4-2): I Walker, S Campbell, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, J Edinburgh, D Anderton, D Howells, G Popescu, N Barmby (sub: S Nethercott, 88min) J Klinsmann, T Sheringham.
BLACKBURN ROVERS (4-4-2): B Mimms, H Berg, I Pearce, C Hendry, A Wright, S Ripley (sub: M Newell, 61), P Warhurst, T Sherwood, J Wilcox (sub: M Atkins, 86), A Shearer, C Sutton.
Referee: M Bodenham.

PREMIERSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn	27	18	5	4	58	24	59
Man Utd	27	17	6	4	48	21	57
Newcastle	27	13	9	5	45	29	48
Liverpool	26	13	8	5	45	21	47
Notts F	27	13	7	7	40	29	46
Tottenham	26	12	6	8	44	37	42
Leeds	26	10	9	7	34	28	39
Sheff Wed	27	10	5	8	36	33	38
Wimbledon	26	10	6	10	31	40	36
Norwich	26	9	7	10	25	29	34
Arsenal	27	8	9	10	30	31	33
Chelsea	26	8	8	10	34	37	32
Man City	26	8	8	10	35	41	32
Aston V	27	7	10	10	32	36	31
Southampton	26	6	12	8	37	42	30
C Palace	27	7	9	11	21	26	30
QPR	25	8	6	11	38	44	30
Everton	27	7	9	11	27	36	30
West Ham	26	8	4	14	24	33	28
Coventry	27	6	10	11	25	45	28
Ipswich	27	5	5	17	29	55	20
Leicester	26	4	6	16	24	45	18



Barmby, the scorer of the third Tottenham goal, shrugs off the attentions of Sherwood

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England's Test failings limit Sky's success



MATTHEW BOND

TV ACTION REPLAY

One week ago, I wrote that it was difficult to imagine a worse start to a morning than waking to hear Bob Willis intoning that "Slater and Taylor are matching each other run for run." Yesterday, I discovered an even worse one — waking to hear Charles Colville, with hallmark boyish enthusiasm, *shouting* that "Slater and Taylor are matching each other run for run." At least Willis has the decency to sound depressed.

Once again, Sky Sports has been ill-rewarded for its investment in live coverage of the Ashes. Not only was the outcome decided within three games, but victory, when it arrived in the fourth Test, came from a position of such improbability that most home supporters would have gone off to work on Monday without a backward glance at their television sets. Now, just when that win had kindled a little last-minute interest in the series, England were dropping catches like they were going out of fashion. Devon Malcolm cannot have been alone in thinking it was not his day.

Sky's coverage, technically, has been first-class, the credit for which lies largely with the splendid camera work of Channel 9. Particularly impressive have been the range of action replays. Not only is every angle seemingly covered, but the cameramen also seem to have reflexes to rival Test batsmen. Not for them the embarrassment of a camera tracking frantically towards the boundary while the ball nestles in the safe hands of first slip.

The BBC will have been taking notes as it prepares for England's Test series against West Indies this summer. Somewhat surprisingly, the BBC's television commentary team is already in position, although the retirement of Graham Gooch and Mike Gatting from the international arena should keep the competition for places behind the microphone keen. David Gower will again join up with Geoffrey Boycott, his former and much-missed Sky sparring partner, to work alongside the tried and trusted trio of Richie Benaud, Tony Lewis and Jack Bannister.

It looks a strong team, with Gower's commentary skills much improved after his stints with Sky and Radio 5 Live in Australia, although a bit more edge is still needed.

Unlike previous years, Sky's commentary team does not get the summer off before it departs for South Africa in the autumn. John Gaillard, the producer, will set about picking his team to provide live coverage of the one-day internationals, the Benson and Hedges Cup and 14 Sunday League games as soon as he gets back from Australia.

Certain to play a key role is Sky's not-so-secret weapon, Ian Botham, of whom much is expected. The channel is saying little about how it plans to deploy Botham, but he must be a strong favourite to land one of the two weekly magazine programmes that Sky has scheduled for the summer.

Contractual commitments, either to cricket or the media, make it difficult to predict who among Sky's Ashes commentary team will be available for selection this summer. The pick of them have been Ian Chappell and Mark Nicholas, who combine technical insight with a relaxed microphone manner, but for entertainment it has been difficult to beat the running battle that appears to have developed between the ever-excitable Colville, who has never played cricket for his country, and Dermot Reeve, who has.

Having fallen out over everything from Shane Warne's goatee ("who's Alan Rickman, Charles?" ... "I thought a man of your cultural standing would know that, Dermot") to catching opportunities ("It's in the air" ... "Bump ball actually, Charles"), matters came to a head yesterday with Colville unwisely venturing his own thoughts on an Australia declaration. "I think the situation calls for a touch of forward planning, Dermot." An icily eloquent pause. "I disagree, Charles." Great stuff.

Offiah gives Castleford trying time with hat-trick

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BY CHRISTOPHER IRVINE

REMOTE as the possibility of the entire Wigan rugby league team moving to the Winfield Cup in Australia was, even that straw has been removed from the clutches of their pursuers in the Stones Bitter championship.

Even though a two-year ban on players transferring between Great Britain and Australia has come too late to prevent Phil Clarke's move to Sydney Eastern Suburbs at the end of the season, the agreement yesterday by the International Rugby League Board will halt the brawn drain from Wigan.

By way of celebration, perhaps, Wigan proceeded, a few hours later, to annihilate a Castleford side that also knows what it is to lose good players to Australia. Mike Ford and St John Ellis moved last year to South Queensland Crushers, but talent at Wheldon Road is not plentiful enough to take up the slack left by their departures.

Although Wigan were without the injured Farrell and Robinson, and Betts, who was captaining Great Britain in the World Sevens in Sydney, there was no appreciable difference. Radlinski, the scorer of one of Wigan's seven tries, and Haughton, another precociously talented teenager, filled in with aplomb.

Martin Offiah would have been in Sydney, too, but for a knee problem. The "will he, won't he?" question about his participation at Central Park yesterday was resolved as he scored three tries.

Once again, Wigan have a one-point lead over Leeds, who must keep winning and hope that the champions somehow lose twice. Not only do Wigan have the easier run-in, but they are also looking more powerful by the week.

Without five regular first-team players, Castleford looked lost. The fact that Botica, who kicked a perfect nine from nine goals in all, had to land all seven of his conversions from in front of the posts, summed up the plight of the visitors' midfield defence.

Shaun Edwards was back to his creative finest, jinking off both feet to deceive the Castleford cover in the opening minutes. That gave Offiah his first try and, with no sign of trouble from his knee, Castleford bowed to his pace a second time as Botica and Paul broke free down the middle.

Castleford's sole respite came when Edwards was sent to the sin-bin for holding down Morrison. They came up with a neatly-worked score on the right by Hay just before the interval, but the second half was a depressing rout.

Easily the best try came immediately after the restart. Offiah broke from acting half-back ten yards from his line. Tuigamala rumbled down the right, with Radlinski and Edwards providing the support to splinter the home cover and put Cowie over.

Radlinski was furnished with his try courtesy of two mighty hand-offs by Tuigamala, once more careering down the right. Edwards was the instigator of two tries by Gary Connolly in ten minutes, before Offiah rounded off the show with his third touchdown after being sent clear by Cassidy.

SCORERS: Wigan: Tries: Offiah (3), Connolly (2), Cowie, Radlinski. Goals: Botica (9) Castleford: Try: Hay Goal: Crooks.

WIGAN: H Paul; K Radlinski, V Tuigamala, G Connolly, M Offiah, F Botica, S Edwards; B McDermott (sub: K Skerrett, 3mn; sub: P Atcheson, 23), M Hall, N Cowie, M Cassidy, S Haughton, P Clarke

CASTLEFORD: J Flowers; C Smith, R Blackmore, S Middleton, J Wray; T Kemp, G Stephens, L Crooks, S Price, M Ketteridge (sub: N Sykes, 26), T Morrison (sub: J Coventry, 58), A Hay, T Nikau.

Referee: D Campbell

☐ Jamie Bloem has been asked to appear before the Rugby Football on Thursday to answer a charge of bringing the game into disrepute. The Doncaster full back was suspended in November for two years after being found guilty of taking anabolic steroids. The South African's ban may now be extended after his newspaper allegations that drug-taking is rife inthe sport.

For a second successive year, Manly-Warringah won the Rugby League World Sevens, beating Fiji 36-12 in the final in Sydney. Great Britain failed to progress beyond the round-robin stage. They came from behind twice to beat Penrith 28-16, with tries by Paul Sterling, Chris Joynt, Francis Cummins, Steve Blakeley and Lee Jackson, but lost 30-10 to Sydney St George, who won the group. Gary Hetherington, the coach, said: "Everything we did right in the first game was wasted in the second."



Michael Rosswess celebrates his victory as he crosses the line in the 60 metres at the National Indoor Arena

Gibson ponders best career move

BY DAVID POWELL
ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

IF LYNN GIBSON could give Mark Hylton one piece of advice, she would probably tell him to remain a student for as long as he can. Trying to hold down a job while paying a mortgage can weigh heavily on the shoulders of an ambitious athlete.

When the Great Britain team for the match against France in Glasgow next Saturday is announced today, it will comprise athletes from three categories: students, professionals and the in-betweens like Gibson. For the students and professionals, training and competition are fitted neatly into the framework of life, but, for the in-betweens, complications can set in. In the case of Gibson, work may result in her declining selection for the world indoor championships in Barcelona next month.

Kelly Holmes, Jacqui Agyepong and Melanie Neef are examples of athletes in the improving British women's team who have recently discovered the benefits of loosening the shackles of their day jobs. Gibson, who retained her AAA of England indoor 1,500 metres title in Birmingham on Saturday, would like to be next.

However, while Gibson continues to work as a marketing officer for her local council in Andover, her chances of rising to elite level are diminished. To race abroad, she must eat into her holiday time, of which there is not enough to sustain a year of progressive international competition.

From her 1994-95 allocation, she has only five days remaining. "I do not want to take any more because I do not feel I have taken any holiday yet," she said. "If it means I have got to take leave, I probably will not go to the world indoors."

Gibson, 25, feels that she needs overseas races. "The problem with this country is that you do not get the fast races," she said. "To run the times I want, I feel I need to go full-time." Then, she could train twice every day instead of only on three days a week. "But it would be such a gamble," she said. "I have got a mortgage and I would have no income."

For the moment, any similar worries for Hylton are in the future, but, as Britain's latest 400 metres discovery, he should be aware that even Roger Black went through a difficult time financially as a full-time athlete before his re-emergence from injury last year.

Aged 18 and a student in leisure and tourism in Slough, Hylton was the only junior winner in Birmingham. He looks an outstanding bet to become Britain's sixth successive European junior outdoor champion this summer, following Black, Crampton, McDonald, Grindley and Bullock. His 46.56sec left him clear of Brian Whittle and Jacques Farraudiere and was only 0.02sec slower than Du'aine Ladejo's winning time last year.

Solomon Wariso broke Linford Christie's 200 metres championship record with 20.87sec and Kate Staples raised her Commonwealth pole vault record to 3.80 metres. Being Zodiac in *Gladiators* is better than the average day job for the in-between athlete. Beats working for the council, anyway.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Coe's indoor 800m record falls at last

SEBASTIAN COE'S European indoor 800 metres record of 1min 44.91sec, which was set at RAF Cosford on March 12, 1983, was beaten at last in Stuttgart yesterday when Nico Motchebon, of Germany, improved it by 0.03sec. Motchebon, 25, a former modern pentathlete, was just 0.04sec outside the world record that was set by Paul Ereng, of Kenya, at the 1989 world indoor championships in Budapest.

Motchebon upstaged a superb run by John Regis in the 200 metres. Regis recorded 20.47sec, shaving 0.07sec off the British record he set in Lievin, France, in 1987 and equalled in Budapest two years later.

Colin Jackson maintained his unbeaten 60 metres hurdles record, stretching back to August 1993, but only just. The Welshman was bracketed on the same time, 7.44sec, as Allen Johnson, of the United States, with Tony Jarrett third.

England lose first game

HOCKEY: Kazakhstan beat England 1-0 in the Indira Gandhi tournament in Delhi on Saturday. Baltabaev claimed the winner from a short corner after 60 minutes. Afterwards, David Whitaker, the England coach, said: "I was disappointed, but we have a very inexperienced side. We need more exposure and Kazakhstan was no mean side. They had some experienced international players." India beat Malaysia 2-1 in the other game in group A. Yesterday, in group B, South Korea overcame South Africa 4-3 while a second-string Australia team outclassed Poland 5-0.

Hounslow's hopes of topping the first division table in the national league were dashed when they lost 1-0 to Canterbury yesterday. Bloxham scored the decisive goal.

Jones willing to tour



CRICKET: Dean Jones, right, the captain of Victoria, said yesterday that he would be available for Australia's tour to the West Indies. Jones, a former Test player, scored an unbeaten 324 in Victoria's on-going Sheffield Shield match against South Australia, and has made 1,041 runs this season, averaging 86.75. Michael Slater is doubtful for the tour, having broken his right thumb yesterday.

America's Cup halted

YACHTING: The America's Cup trials off San Diego were halted on Saturday when the American aircraft carrier, *Abraham Lincoln*, loomed out of thick fog on the course and finished within 200 yards of the start line and a 70-strong spectator fleet. The first pair of race yachts, *Team New Zealand* and *France 3*, were making almost ten knots when the 1,092ft carrier came into sight. The coastguard allowed them to continue and Russell Coutts and his crew chalked up their ninth successive victory.

Olympic winner dies

GODFREY BROWN, who anchored Britain's gold medal-winning 4x400 metres relay team at the 1936 Olympic Games, died on Saturday after a short illness. He was 79. In the same Games — in Berlin — Brown won the silver medal in the 400 metres. Jimmy Allen, a former England defender who once set the British transfer record at £10,000, has died aged 85. Allen played for Portsmouth against Manchester City in the 1934 FA Cup Final. Portsmouth were leading 1-0 when Allen went off with concussion, but then lost 2-1.

Tomba sets record

SKIING: Alberto Tomba won his tenth World Cup race of the season in familiar style on Saturday, overturning a first-run deficit of 0.34sec to pip Jure Kosir, of Slovenia, by 0.07sec in the giant slalom at Adelboden, Switzerland. Harald Strand-Nilsen, of Norway, led the field after the first run with Kosir in third. Tomba, whose victory set a personal season-record, had trouble finding his rhythm, but gained fractions of a second on the icy final third of the Kuonisbergli piste.

Faldo in contention



GOLF: Nick Faldo, right, lay in joint sixth place after recording a 69, three under par, in the third round of the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am tournament in California. Kenny Perry shot a steady 67, including an eagle at the 2nd, to go 13 under par overall and take a three-stroke lead in the event, which is taking place over three courses. Faldo, who played at Spyglass Hill, is four strokes behind.

Hightown get revenge

HOCKEY: Hightown ended a year-long wait to settle a score when they beat Slough 4-2 yesterday to win the national women's clubs indoor championships at Crystal Palace. In the final last year, Slough edged through in a penalty shoot-out. The scorers for Hightown yesterday were Linda Carr, with two, Lorraine Marsden and Jackie Crook, with Sue Chandler and Sam Wright replying for the champions.

Waldner tops 12

TABLE TENNIS: Jan-Ove Waldner, of Sweden, the former world and Olympic champion, won the European Top 12 championship in Dijon yesterday for a record sixth time. Waldner, 29, easily the best European player over the past decade, beat Erik Lindh, also of Sweden, 15-21, 21-14, 21-15, 18-21, 21-17 in the final. He had held the previous best figure of five titles and has also been runner-up four times.

Twin triumph for Foster

SWIMMING: Mark Foster, of Great Britain, beat Danyon Loader, of New Zealand, to win the 100 metres freestyle at the World Cup short-course meeting in Paris on Saturday. Foster finished in 48.82sec and then won the 50 metres butterfly in 23.80sec — just outside his own world record. Sandra Volker, of Germany, improved her European short-course record for 50 metres backstroke, clocking 27.77sec.

Prenn sneaks through

RACKETS: John Prenn, the former world champion, survived a surprisingly close tussle with David Makey, the Tonbridge professional, before reaching the second round of the Laconte British Open championship in five close games. Peter Brake, the No 3 seed, who recently won the professional singles championship, beat Alex Smith-Bingham in straight games to reach the quarter-finals.

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Bears gloom deepens

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

WITHOUT Herman Harried, their 6ft 7in American, whose injured right hand is still in plaster, the season for Worthing Bears has gone from mediocre to bad. But for their bright start, the Budweiser basketball championship play-off winners last season might not even be contemplating the play-offs this year.

The Bears had fallen victims to the Budweiser League upset of the season in mid-week at Hemel Hempstead. The last thing they then needed was a home match with a London Towers squad which had already beaten them three times this season.

The Towers won 89-79, having made up arrears of ten points midway through the third quarter. "Take away the 22 points and 15 rebounds that Herman usually gives us, and we were always going to be struggling," Neil McElduff, the Worthing assistant coach, said. He is banking on Harried being fit to face Sheffield Sharks, the leaders, on Saturday.

Sharing second place with the Towers in the league are Thames Valley Tigers, the defending champions, who followed up their home victory over Birmingham Bullets on Friday by winning 109-95 at Hemel Hempstead Royals.

Four of the five bottom clubs were involved in head-to-head matches, but that did nothing to dampen enthusiasm. Sunderland Scorpions, climbed off the foot of the table by defeating Chester Jets 101-91. Derby Bucks ended Leicester City Riders' play-off hopes by winning 82-73, having laid the foundations in a 20-0 burst, highlighted by Jason Siemon's three dunks in a minute.

McManus regrets costly slip

BY PHIL YATES

ALAN McMANUS was left rueing an unfortunate positional shot after narrowly failing to compile a 147 maximum break in the Benson and Hedges Masters at Wembley Conference Centre yesterday.

McManus began the defence of his snooker title by reaching the quarter-finals with a 5-3 victory over David Roe, of Derby. He could not, however, conceal his disappointment after letting slip an opportunity to win a Jaguar car and the £10,000 prize for the highest break.

The Scot, trailing 3-2, potted thirteen reds and thirteen blacks for a run of 194 only to suffer a cruel nudge on the penultimate red which left him aiming for no more than half a pocket and using the rest.

"That's the best chance I have ever had for a 147 in my life," McManus, who missed the red by some distance, said. "I was already picking the colour of the car in my head. The only good thing is that I have got through, because coming back to an event as the champion puts you under a lot of pressure."

McManus, unusually vulnerable to unforced errors in the early frames, pulled away from 3-3 with solid breaks of 49, in the seventh, and 59, in the eighth.

John Higgins, surprised at his failure to secure one of four wildcard invitations to the Benson and Henson Irish Masters next month, again displayed his fighting qualities to beat Tony Drago, of Malta, 5-3 in the first round.

Higgins, 19, fell 3-0 behind after only 22 minutes as Drago dominated the initial exchanges with lightning-fast runs of 77, 89 and, in the second frame, a 132 total clearance. However, Higgins, the winner of the Skoda Grand Prix in October and runner-up to Steve Davis in the Regal Welsh Open eight days ago, won the fourth frame on the black, after Drago had missed it with his hand on the table.

Breaks of 62, 79, 106 and 68 then helped Higgins to win the following four frames by comfortable margins and set up a second-round meeting with Darren Morgan, the No 8 seed. "Being left out of the Irish event has made me even more determined to do well down here," Higgins said. "It was a really high quality match and once I won that fourth frame I felt I could pull it out of the fire."

RESULTS: First round: J Higgins (Scot) bt A Drago (Malta) 5-3. A McManus (Scot) bt D Roe (Eng) 5-3

Australia in command after England fail to build on fifth-wicket stand of 158

Thorpe emerges at head of new order

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN PERTH

NOTHING could have been more appropriate, in the twilight of this Ashes series, than the sight of two of England's most talented young players reacting to their changed responsibilities as Graham Thorpe and Mark Ramprakash did here yesterday.

They had come together with the scoreboard predicting ruin. England were 77 for four, requiring, initially, 203 to avoid following on. What they also required, however, was positive demonstration that the new generation is ready to inherit.

Overnight, Mike Gatting had joined Graham Gooch in confirming that this is his last Test match. There was nothing surprising in this, simply that Gatting had found the truth harder to digest, his retirement speech harder to draft. By the time he accepted the inevitable, his batting had vindicated him, for he chopped his first ball from Glenn McGrath into the stumps to register a third nought in four Test innings, gloomy decoration for the century in their midst.

It is possible that neither Gooch, whose penultimate Test innings on Saturday was a faithful reflection of his frustrating tour, nor Gatting would have been chosen again. But by standing down officially, they have helped Michael Atherton, the captain, restate his philosophy. Henceforth, England under Atherton must be a group of young men gaining wisdom and confidence together.

Thorpe already embodies the principle and has established a burgeoning relationship with his captain. His has been an outstanding tour. Ramprakash's case is different. He had not played a Test since last winter and is playing here only because there were not enough fit Englishmen left to permit him to stay with the A team in India.

It was such an opportunist cap for him that he had neither time nor need for the complexes that have blighted his England career to date. He batted with the freedom that he shows for Middlesex and fed from the certainty now evident in every innings by Thorpe. Even being struck on the helmet by a "beamer" from McGrath could only stun, not distract, Ramprakash. Together, the two friends, born five weeks and a few dozen miles apart in 1969, put on 158, chasing away the immediate dangers and cheering England's legion of supporters in a crowd of 20,000.

Thorpe, who pulled fiercely and productively throughout but drove fluently whenever the bowlers overcompensated, made the second century of his Test career. His first was on his debut, in 1993, and 14 subsequent games had produced nine scores above 50. He was overdue. Ramprakash fell for 72 and, pertinently, his only previous half-century also came when he was rushed into a match at short notice, at the Oval in 1993. Ironically, the batsman who broke his thumb on the morning of the match, creating the emergency, was Thorpe.

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For more than three hours, Australia were snookered by the fifth-wicket pair. They could find no way of enforcing the grip that they had exerted over the first two days of the game. Yet no sooner was the stand broken than normal service was resumed. England, who had lost their first two wickets on five and their next two on 77, lost four wickets for 12 runs and were given an air of respectability only by Chris Lewis, whose 40 was high on risk and entertainment.

Even allowing for the fact that three of the top five managed four runs between them, and that Steve Rhodes's grisly series aggregate became 33 runs from eight innings, England's total of 295 would have given them every chance of victory but for their catching. It had been woeful on Friday and it failed to improve on Saturday, when two more chances went begging during an exasperating eighth-wicket stand of 58.

Jo Angel was the man reprieved, but the real beneficiary was Steve Waugh, who was able to creep closer to an eighth Test century. The circumstances of his failure will provide subject matter for innumerable sports quizzes in years to come, for, after losing both Angel and McGrath to chaotic run-outs, he was poised on 99 with his brother, Mark, at the other end for the third time in the innings.

Mark Waugh had already acted as a runner for Ian Healy, who had a calf muscle problem, and had now appeared to run for Craig McDermott, who was suffering his third ailment within a week, this time a stiff back. When his brother dropped the ball in front of him and made to run, Mark was down the pitch dutifully. Sent back too late, he dived heroically but in vain. The third umpire ruled he had not made it, so McDermott was out and Steve Waugh became only the second batsman in Test history, after Geoffrey Boycott, to be left 99 not out.

At start of play yesterday, the follow-on, 93 runs distant, remained the priority. But, although McGrath beat Ramprakash's edge regularly in a waspish opening spell, it never looked a serious prospect. Thorpe reached his century in four hours and stayed a further hour before being lured out by Shane Warne, firing the ball wide as he saw the batsman advancing. Healy took the stumping adroitly.

Warne was now spinning the ball enough to suggest that he will play the critical role in the fourth innings, and Rhodes might have been playing him with a white walking stick, so often was he beaten. Angel, summoning some destructive swinging yorkers, accelerated the collapse, and Ramprakash was bowled through his legs by a ball from Warne which turned fully 18 inches.

England, of course, do not have a spin bowler, something they may have been regretting last night as their deficit grew to 194. Devon Malcolm, whose pitch this ought to be, again bowled without luck. Taylor and Slater maintained their average opening stand for the series and Angel, entering as nightwatchman after Atherton had caught Slater, suffered his second run-out in successive days, this time executed by a livewire Gooch. His celebrations were worth watching, but it is not thought that his retirement papers have been withdrawn.



Thorpe pulls powerfully during his century in Perth yesterday. Photograph: Graham Morris

PERTH SCOREBOARD

Australia won toss

AUSTRALIA: First Innings

M J Slater c Lewis b DeFreitas (297min, 231 balls, 13 fours)	124
*M A Taylor c Rhodes b Lewis (58min, 36 balls)	9
D C Boon c Ramprakash b Lewis (10min, 8 balls)	1
M E Waugh c DeFreitas b Lewis (243min, 177 balls, 10 fours)	88
S R Waugh not out (292min, 183 balls, 1 five, 12 fours)	99
G S Blewett c Rhodes b Fraser (73min, 67 balls, 3 fours)	20
†I A Healy c Lewis b DeFreitas (59min, 38 balls, 1 four)	12
S K Warne c Rhodes b DeFreitas (27min, 17 balls)	1
J Angel run out (Malcolm/Rhodes) (67min, 43 balls, 2 fours)	11
G D McGrath run out (DeFreitas) (18min, 10 balls)	0
C J McDermott run out (Lewis/Gooch) (27min, 15 balls)	6
Extras (b 14, lb 4, w 4, nb 9)	31
Total (135.5 overs, 590min)	402

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-47 (Slater 33), 2-55 (Slater 38), 3-238 (M E Waugh 85), 4-247 (S R Waugh 5), 5-287 (S R Waugh 24), 6-320 (S R Waugh 45), 7-328 (S R Waugh 50), 8-386 (S R Waugh 89), 9-388 (S R Waugh 91).

BOWLING: Malcolm 31-6-93-0 (w 4, 6-1-15-0, 8-0-35-0, 4-0-16-0, 10-2-25-0, 5-3-2-0); DeFreitas 29-8-91-3 (nb 2, 6-1-23-0, 5-2-10-0, 8-2-24-1, 6-2-23-2, 4-1-11-0); Fraser 32-11-64-1 (6-0-26-0, 3-1-8-0, 3-1-10-0, 8-3-19-0, 7-5-7-1, 4-1-12-0, 1-0-2-0); Lewis 31.5-8-73-3 (nb 8, 7-1-13-2, 3-0-15-0, 4-0-13-0, 5-4-3-1, 9-2-22-0, 3.5-1-7-0); Gooch 1-1-0-0 (one spell); Ramprakash 11-0-43-0 (9-0-31-0, 2-0-12-0).

Second Innings

*M A Taylor not out (110min, 77 balls, 5 fours)	32
M J Slater c Atherton b Fraser (82min, 55 balls, 8 fours)	45
J Angel run out (Gooch) (7min, 5 balls)	0
D C Boon not out (16min, 10 balls, 1 four)	6
Extras (b 1, lb 1, nb 2)	4
Total (2 wkts, 24 overs, 110min)	87

M E Waugh, S R Waugh, G S Blewett, †I A Healy, S K Warne, C J McDermott and G D McGrath to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-75 (Taylor 26), 2-79 (Taylor 30).

BOWLING: Malcolm 9-1-43-0 (one spell); Fraser 7-2-19-1 (4-1-12-0, 3-1-7-1); Lewis 2-0-11-0 (nb 2; one spell); DeFreitas 6-2-12-0 (nb 1; one spell).

ENGLAND: First Innings

G A Gooch lbw b M E Waugh (101min, 76 balls, 4 fours)	37
*M A Atherton c Healy b McGrath (7min, 3 balls, 1 four)	4
M W Gatting b McGrath (1min, 1 ball)	0
G P Thorpe st Healy b Warne (301min, 218 balls, 19 fours)	123
J P Crawley c Warne b M E Waugh (2min, 3 balls)	0
M R Ramprakash b Warne (240min, 178 balls, 11 fours)	72
†S J Rhodes b Angel (22min, 16 balls)	2
C C Lewis c Blewett b McGrath (60min, 62 balls, 8 fours)	40
P A J DeFreitas b Angel (7min, 6 balls)	0
A R C Fraser c Warne b Angel (48min, 18 balls, 1 four)	9
D E Malcolm not out (4min, 1 ball)	0
Extras (b 4, lb 1, nb 3)	8
Total (96.3 overs, 402min)	295

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5 (Gooch 0), 2-5 (Gooch 0), 3-77 (Thorpe 35), 4-77 (Thorpe 35), 5-235 (Ramprakash 63), 6-246 (Ramprakash 72), 7-246 (Lewis 0), 8-247 (Lewis 1), 9-283 (Fraser 7).

BOWLING: Angel 22.3-7-65-3 (nb 1; 5-1-20-0, 4-2-11-0, 4-1-13-0, 9.3-3-21-3); McGrath 25-6-88-3 (nb 1; 4-2-5-2, 6-1-21-0, 2-0-16-0, 8-3-23-0, 4-0-19-0, 1-0-4-1); Blewett 4-1-9-0 (one spell); M E Waugh 9-2-29-2 (5-2-13-2, 4-0-16-0); Warne 25-9-58-2 (13-4-34-0, 10-4-24-2); McDermott 13-5-41-0 (nb 1; 8-4-15-0, 3-1-10-0, 2-0-16-0)

Umpires: K E Liebenberg (South Africa) and S G Randell (Australia)

TV replay umpire: T A Prue

Match referee: J R Reid (New Zealand).

PREVIOUS MATCHES: First Test (Brisbane). Australia won by 184 runs. Second Test (Melbourne): Australia won by 295 runs. Third Test (Sydney): Match drawn. Fourth Test (Adelaide): England won by 106 runs

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Umpire gives warning to A teams

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

AN INDIAN umpire threatened to send players off the field in Chandigarh yesterday as the A team third Test was soured by a sledging controversy. Kuncha Parthasarthy issued the warning after calling the India A and England A captains and team managers together for a clear-the-air meeting.

Earlier, Parthasarthy and Roy Choudhary, his colleague, had halted the game to speak to Vikram Rathore, the India A captain, about the constant appealing from his close fielders. Dominic Cork, the England A batsman, appeared to complain to the umpires about verbal intimidation, but Parthasarthy confirmed that Cork and Nick Knight, the opening batsman, had also been spoken to about too many remarks.

Later, both teams said that the umpires had acted sensibly. Phil Neale, the England A manager, said: "All parties will make sure that the rest of the game is played in the right spirit."

Last night, Parthasarthy said: "If the situation continued, we would have to take action. A player will be sent from the ground if this sort of thing doesn't stop. There was too much noise out there — so we told the players to keep it quieter."

India A's players have been clearly pumped up for this game — they are 2-0 down in the series — but their appealing yesterday was excessive. The only surprise was that the umpires did not act sooner. England A, however, are not totally innocent and some India A players are trying to get their own back for what they believe to be English intimidation during the previous two matches.

At the centre of an issue that has been simmering on for several weeks is Amol Muzumdar, the India A batsman. He has not been allowed to forget an incident during England A's opening tour game, where he claimed a diving catch in the outfield which television replays later showed he had dropped.

Alan Wells, the England A captain, said: "It was a very competitive day's cricket and you could tell from the boundary that there was a lot of appealing going on. The pitch is slow and there were a lot of fielders around the bat. The umpires are trying to settle things down a bit and everyone is happy with what they have said."

Syed Kirmani, the former Test wicketkeeper and India A manager, added: "A lot of things are said in the heat of the moment, but I have told my players I want nothing unpleasant."

On the field, India A's aggressive attitude seemed to serve them well with England A struggling to 145 for seven by the close of the second day in reply to 229. Paras Mhambrey held up England A with 42 not out in the morning, boosting his side's total from an overnight 183 for eight, and then striking two late blows to dismiss Cork and Glen Chapple.

Wells was the only England A batsman to show signs of domination on a pitch beginning to dust up. His 42 included a six and seven fours in but Knight's 40 took almost four hours. The opener was then bowled playing across the line, and Cork, too, wasted an opportunity by going back when he should have gone forward.

Zimbabwe hail first win with Flower power

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

ZIMBABWE'S first victory since they became a Test-playing country, in 1992, came at the eleventh attempt when they completed a crushing win over Pakistan by an innings and 64 runs in Harare on Saturday to take a 1-0 lead in the three-match series.

The importance of the breakthrough was underlined by Andy Flower, the Zimbabwe captain. "It is great for the game here and I can only hope that this will inspire more people to get into it," he said. "It's very important for us to get more black people into cricket, and the fact that we had a young, black fast bowler in our side [Henry Olonga] might just be the start. I was also encouraged to see more black faces in the crowd."

Heath Streak, the fast bowler, played a vital role for Zimbabwe, producing match figures of nine for 105. He took the three remaining first-innings wickets, finishing with six for 90, as Pakistan were dismissed for 322 and forced to follow on 222 runs behind.

Streak, David Brain and Guy Whittall then reduced Pakistan to 35 for five before they were checked by a stubborn sixth-wicket partnership of 96 between Inzamam-ul-Haq and Rashid Latif. However, the last five wickets tumbled for 27 and Pakistan were dismissed for 158.

The man-of-the-match award was shared by Andy and Grant Flower, whose record partnership between brothers in Tests of 269 in Zimbabwe's innings set up the win.

"I am very proud of the team, but it was quite a surprise as I don't think any of us expected to win inside four days against a team like Pakistan," Andy Flower said. "I am ecstatic. When we bowled them out first time and enforced the follow-on, I told the lads that we had done the easy bit and now came the difficult work."

John Hampshire, the former Yorkshire and England batsman and Zimbabwe coach, said: "It was a high-class performance. But there is an old adage that catches win matches, and in spite of some brilliant batting and some top-class bowling, I think it was the fielding and catching which actually won us the match."

Salim Malik, the Pakistan captain, said: "We didn't bowl well, but our batting was unbelievable. We are all professionals but we didn't look like it. It is terrific result for Zimbabwe. They played very well when they were in Pakistan and had the upper hand in two of the Tests there. I suppose it is a good thing that they are getting better and better."

The second Test starts in Bulawayo tomorrow.

Hamed could be next for Robinson

BY SRIKUMAR SEN, BOXING CORRESPONDENT

AS SOON as Steve Robinson had completed the sixth successful defence of his World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight title against Domingo Damigella, of Argentina, at Cardiff on Saturday, ITV was campaigning for a match between Naseem Hamed and the champion.

Even if the Welshman had wanted to go in another direction, perhaps to unify the championship, Gary Newbon, ITV's man with the microphone, was more interested in knowing when Robinson would take on Hamed.

Hamed, the Sheffield superbantamweight, is one of the top sporting attractions in the country. Recent television appearances have attracted audiences of six million, despite being shown at 11.15pm — so, the sooner ITV gets the showdown on the road, the better.

Frank Warren, the promoter, was fairly confident that the bout could draw 25,000 at a football ground in late summer or autumn, but Dai Gardiner, Robinson's manager, said that he would only take the bout for "megamoney", and Hamed would have to move up to featherweight. Warren promised that the money would be found. He said that it would be the highest-paid contest between two British featherweights.

The figure that Warren is thinking of is believed to be in the region of £750,000. No doubt Hamed would claim that, being the bigger draw, the split should be equal, but it is unlikely that Gardiner would agree to anything less than £500,000 for his man.

The match would be a fascinating one, not simply because it would be a case of a boxer against a showman, but because it could answer some questions about Hamed, since he has not, as yet, been matched with anyone with speed of hand and foot and the desire to win.

Robinson had two and three-round margins in his points win over Damigella, who boxed from the second round with a broken right hand. Apart from a strong first round, Robinson looked slow and could not have left Gardiner too happy about a contest with Hamed. If Robinson was struggling to pin down a straightforward counterpuncher with a broken hand, where would he be against a totally unorthodox counterpuncher like Hamed?

Colin McMillan, another featherweight, did not lose a round on his return to the ring against Harry Escott, of Sunderland. McMillan had been out of action for 15 months with a dislocated shoulder.



HUW EVANS

Robinson celebrates his victory in Cardiff

Luna's career lifts off after long wait

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SANTIAGO LUNA'S ten-year wait for a European golf tour victory finally ended yesterday when he won the Madeira Island Open by four strokes. In front from the start after an opening round of 67, Luna, 32, from Madrid, closed with a round of 70 to finish on 272, 16 under par.

"Seve Ballesteros has told me many times that I have the game to win," Luna, never before higher than fourth, said. His £41,660 prize-money amounted to more than half his earnings last season.

Christian Cevaer, of France, in only his fifth tour event as a professional, made up for his £500 fine for slow play in the second round by being runner-up, and Paul Curry, of Essex, was third. Liam White, the former Walker Cup player from Nottingham, who was lying second with a round to go, crashed to joint-eighteenth with a 78.

Iain Pyman, of Yorkshire, and Dean Robertson, of Scotland, who were team-mates in the 1993 Walker Cup match, shared fourth with Steen Tinning, of Denmark, Olle Karlsson, of Sweden, and Jose Coceres, of Argentina.

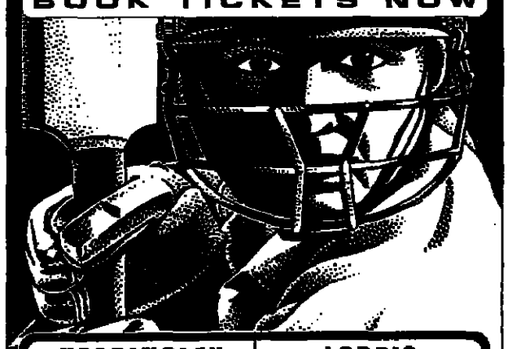
Whatever nerves Luna had at the start of the windy final day — he could not remember leading a tournament before this week — he did not let them get the better of him.

Although he took three putts at the 4th, he recovered straight away with a pitch to six feet and birdied the long 7th as well. Then, after dropping another stroke at the 9th, he saved par on the next with a ten-foot curling putt.

None of his closest challengers was able to apply real pressure, and even when Cevaer birdied the short 17th to cut the gap to three, Luna put his tee shot to six feet and holed for a matching two.

White, in unfamiliar territory as well, had three double bogeys and said: "I felt OK, but a few shots cost me really dear. I suppose it's all part of learning."

FINAL SCORES (GB and Ireland unless stated): 272: S Luna (Sp) 67, 67, 68, 70 278: C Cevaer (Fr) 70, 69, 68, 69. 279: P Curry 73, 67, 69, 71. 281: O Karlsson (Swe) 72, 68, 75, 66; D Robertson 73, 70, 68, 70; J Coceres (Arg) 72, 67, 71, 71. I Pyman 75, 68, 66, 72; S Tinning (Den) 74, 65, 67, 75. 282: J Hawksworth 72, 72, 71, 67; R Alvarez (Arg) 71, 70, 72, 69; M Gronberg (Swe) 71, 72, 69, 70. 283: D J Russell 75, 71, 71, 66; P Mayo 74, 68, 72, 69; D Williams 70, 74, 70, 69; D Edlund (Swe) 73, 67, 73, 70; P Lawrie 68, 72, 71, 72; P Affleck 72, 71, 67, 73. 284: R Karlsson (Swe) 75, 69, 70, 70, A Sherborne 68, 71, 73, 72; N Briggs 71, 71, 68, 74. K Cross (Swe) 72, 67, 70, 75. L White 68, 67, 70, 78. 285: J Pinero (Sp) 70, 74, 73, 68; D R Jones 75, 69, 70, 71; M Litton 76, 70, 64, 75; R Muntz (Holl) 72, 66, 71, 76.

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Captain marks record appearance with inspirational place-kicking display against Ireland

Scotland fightback gives Hastings cause to smile

Scotland 26
Ireland 13

BY GERALD DAVIES

THE tear that Gavin Hastings saw in the eye of Doug Morgan, the coach, at the ritual handing-over of his record-breaking 53rd jersey, brought a tear into his own, the Scotland captain said. Remembering his lachrymose exit when his team lost to Jonathan Callard's last-second penalty for England last season, one was left to wonder whether this was because he is a sensitive soul or because he was cocking a mild-mannered snook at the unsympathetic comments of wimpishness that he received from some quarters last year.

At any rate, he was all smiles after his side had twice come from behind to secure a confidence-boosting success against Ireland on Saturday. Asked afterwards whether it was the sweetest he had ever struck a ball, Hastings, good-humouredly and modestly, simply said "yes". You could tell how "absolutely delighted" he was. His three penalty goals in the first half gave Scotland an unlikely interval lead.

They had looked unsure of themselves. Not that Ireland had looked anything like certain, except that, after Burke's penalty, Mullin's try, so expertly and speedily executed, had given them the confidence to believe they were not going to rely on goalkicking alone. Bell's try, taken with equal panache in the fourth minute of the second half, confirmed the view.

But this was to prove Ireland's last penetrative sortie. Thereafter, Scotland, who dominated the lineout, drew away and, despite the little that separated the teams, deserved their victory by virtue of their gutsy persistence in the final 20 minutes.

As a spectacle, there were a number of unsatisfying aspects to a game that did not match the consistent drama of other encounters between the sides. Not least was the sight of Murrayfield itself. Once a glorious dame of a stadium, on Saturday, the pitch looked as if it had been a victim of a particularly brutal mugging. Ringed by the elegant and colourful bonnet of the new stands, a physical battering seems to have been inflicted upon the green and polished sheen of the grass that once made it the best of playing surfaces. The vast brown patches made it look in need of surgery.

In playing terms, as both camps admitted, there were too many unforced errors. The game was won and lost on these, and, as Gerry Murphy, the Ireland coach, said, his side suffered more. They plied their way upfield only to lose the ball or to be penalised and sent back whence they came. The loss of the lineout added to their woes.

Furthermore, both teams suffered equally in the critical area of the back row. Neither was superior and capable of raising the tempo consistently, nor, having gained the initiative, able to preserve it.

It was the lack of combined play that was unsatisfactory. If Wainwright was suddenly apparent for the home side in the loose, his other two colleagues were not. Similarly, while Ben Cronin might seize the initiative for Ireland, he would do so on his own. And so it would be for the others in turn. The numbers six, seven and eight were rarely in close proximity and working in the harmony that, for example, Calder, Jeffrey and White once did for Scotland.

Yet the members of the front-row union of both teams were always in the fray, as if making up for the absence of others. Indeed, the remarkable Wood escaped from the darkness of his trade to emerge twice into the blinding light of open play. Back in his own 22, he took Hastings's huge garryowen, gathering the ball with aplomb in his stride, and punted skilfully to safety. As if for an encore or to convince the doubting Thomases that this was no freak moment, he did much the same ten minutes later. A stand-off half to the manner born, one was left to think.

This was as notable as the refereeing of Derek Bevan. Here was a referee on top of his own particular onerous craft. Unobtrusive but in control, his smiling, benign presence did not undermine his authority. Nowhere was this better exemplified than in Joiner's try, which took Scotland into a lead which they were not to relinquish.

A thundering Scotland movement looked to have come to an end when Logan, near the Irish line, was tackled without the ball by Geoghegan. The crowd roared for a foul. Bevan moved on and, sure enough, using the advantage law to its best, Joiner scored a try. Hastings converted. He added another penalty goal and also converted Damian Cronin's try after the initial charge by Peterson. The full back missed with two more penalty attempts, but his tally of 16 points deserved his press-conference smile.

SCORERS: Scotland: Tries: Joiner, Cronin. Conversions: Hastings (2). Penalty goals: Hastings (4). Ireland: Tries: Mullin, Bell. Penalty goal: Burke

SCOTLAND: A G Hastings (Watsonians, captain), C A Joiner (Melrose), G P J Townsend (Gala) I C Jardine (Stirling County) K M Logan (Stirling County), C M Chalmers (Melrose) B W Redpath (Melrose); D I W Hilton (Bath), K S Milne (Heriot's FP), P H Wright (Boroughmuir), R I Wainwright (Edinburgh Academicals), D F Cronin (Bourges), S J Campbell (Dundee HSFP), I R Morrison (London Scottish), E W Peters (Bath)

IRELAND: C M P O'Shea (Lansdowne), S P Geoghegan (Bath), B J Mullin (Blackrock College, captain), P P A Danaher (Garryowen); J C Bell (Ballymena), P A Burke (Cork Constitution); N J Popplewell (Wasps), K G M Wood (Garryowen), P M Clohessy (Young Munster), A G Foley (Shannon), P S Johns (Dungannon), G M Fulcher (Cork Constitution), W D McBride (Malone), B M Cronin (Garryowen).

Referee: W Bevan (Wales)



Hastings, who won a record 53rd Scotland cap at Murrayfield, made calls for his retirement seem premature



Nick Popplewell, right, of Ireland, demonstrates his pulling power at Murrayfield

Antiques' roadshow leads revival



JOHN HOPKINS
At Murrayfield

That the all-singing, all-dancing rugby of today is so dependent on ball won from the lineout and the accuracy of kicking at goal was brought home most forcibly by the performances of the Scots, Damian Cronin and Gavin Hastings.

They helped wrench this game back Scotland's way just when it looked as though Ireland had taken a grip on it. Others put their shoulders to Scotland's wheel in a stirring second-half revival that saw them score 17 points in 11 minutes, but as the captain and the second-row forward between them scored 21 of Scotland's 26 points, it is only fair to attribute to them the greatest share of the glory.

More than 15 years ago, a second-row forward of nomadic, entrepreneurial nature quit these islands and set up a business in France. He dabbled in holiday boats on the waterways around Angoulême, doing them up, renting them out. His name was Maurice Colclough, and he played for England and the British Isles. Cronin has done much the same thing, crossing the Channel and becoming a sort of Lovejoy figure in France, haunting the *salles des ventes* of the countryside in pursuit of his role as a supplier of antiques.

In Bourges, where Cronin has settled, he appears to have been reborn, to have found that the French way of life is to his satisfaction. Others eat French food and put on weight: Cronin eats French food and loses weight. He is slimmer, less full in the face, than before, and though his rugby is largely spent with a second-division team, he has rediscovered an edge to his game that had been missing for a while. When he said that he had forsaken beer and now drank wine, he was only half joking.

Cronin, like Alastair McHarg before him, has always tended to turn up in odd places and score an unusual number of tries for a forward. Making his debut for Bath's second team, a few years ago, he crossed the line three times. When he slipped clear of a pile of bodies a few metres from Ireland's line and hurled his new, slimline frame over for a try, it was his second for his country in as many games.

Cronin's lineout work in the second half helped Scotland's resurgence. An area of play that had been reasonably even in the first half was now taken over by the Scots. "They dominated the lineouts: that was what caused the turnaround," Gerry Murphy, the Ireland coach, said. There was one other moment when Cronin caught the eye. From a maul in midfield, his head suddenly popped up, much like a mole emerging from the ground. Cronin looked around and threw out a quick, clean pass.

"Games against Ireland can sometimes be a shambles," Cronin said, "but the reason why our front five functioned so much better later in the game was because we were running on to good ball. We were going forward. It becomes easy then."

What can be said on the subject of Gavin Hastings? Last November, after his ponderous performance against South Africa, I called for his retirement — and then hightailed it from the Scotland capital as fast as a Tory minister. The surprise in the coming weeks was to discover the number of Scottish voices that agreed with me.

Now I watched him play impeccably, admittedly against much weaker opposition, who did little to test him. He passed the record of caps for his country and played to perfection his role of the clean-cut, jut-jawed hero. If last November was the autumn of his career, then what was this? A rave from the grave?

Grace under pressure has never been difficult for Hastings, and after the game — and before he had even had time to bathe and change — he addressed the subjects of his age, his ailing back and his goal-kicking, all the issues that had been thrown in his face after the South Africa game. He was gracious to a fault.

Even the thorny subject of his kicking, brought up by an old adversary, did no more than add an edge of emphasis to his reply. "First and foremost it's getting the ball between the posts," Hastings said. "I don't give a . . . how it goes over, so long as it does. I don't care whether the ball goes left to right or right to left so long as it crosses the bar."

"That's all that matters. I am absolutely delighted," he concluded with a grin on his face as wide as David Hilton's shoulders. "It is a wonderful experience, even for an old guy like me."

We had come expecting to bury Hastings, but we left having to praise him, saluting his indomitable spirit. Will it last throughout Scotland's odyssey in the World Cup in South Africa? One hopes it will, but fears it will not.

Cardiff stride closer to championship honours

Llanelli 26
Cardiff 30

BY A CORRESPONDENT

THE Wales selectors meet tonight to ponder their options and find a way of halting the juggernaut that is the England pack in 12 days' time. Several of them were at Twickenham on Saturday to witness the dismantling of France's grand slam hopes, while others headed for Stradey Park to see some of the best that Welsh rugby can offer.

Those at Llanelli were rewarded with a contest rich in talent and philosophy. They also saw Cardiff place one hand firmly on the Heineken League championship trophy. With 16 games played and six to go — all against teams, bar Treorchy, their opponents on Wednesday, occupying lowly positions in the table — Cardiff's first league victory at Stradey in five attempts was as important for its psychological value as for its two points.

However, with up to 11 of the Wales squad likely to be on international duty against England on parade here, the wider, national interest will have been warmed by the approach of two sides who contribute so much to the Wales cause. There was no shortage of passion, but the intent to produce productive, handling rugby still shone through. Rugby's battering ram was replaced by the rapier and that was wielded with great skill, despite the overriding urgency of victory for both teams. Cardiff staying top with an improved try-count over Pontypridd, and Llanelli now down in the bottom half of the first division table.

One of the players who had a big hand in pushing them out of the top six was Emyr Lewis, their former player, who was shown the door in the summer but marked his return to the ground with a try and powerful all-round performance that confirmed his recovery from two months out of action with an ankle injury.

If the resumption of the influential Cardiff No 8 was the biggest Welsh bonus of the day, the form of Ieuan Evans and Nigel Davies, also recent walking wounded, were close behind. Evans displayed his lethal finishing and Davies his often unsung, but nonetheless vital, role of oiling the cogs in the back division.

Naturally, winning possession to unleash the runners will be the starting point for Wales and the wily Tony Copsey gave Derwyn Jones just the sort of examination he required before facing Martin Bayfield.

Llanelli's hopes of doing a similar job disappeared when Colin Stephens, their stand-off half, missed three penalty goal chances, one an absolute sitter, just when they had battled their way back into serious contention.

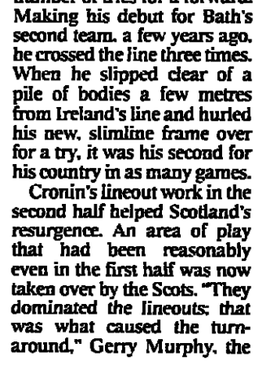
By contrast, Adrian Davies, his opposite number, kicked everything on offer at the other end to ensure that Andrew Lamerton's late try provided nothing more than a defiant flourish to go alongside earlier tries from Wayne Proctor, Evans and Davies. By then, Cardiff, thanks to Andy Moore, Nigel Walker and Lewis, plus the boot of Davies, already had that hand on the title.

SCORERS: Llanelli: Tries: Proctor, Evans, N Davies, Lamerton. Conversions: Stephens (3). Cardiff: Tries: Moore, Walker, E Lewis. Penalty goals: A Davies (4). Dropped goal: A Davies.

LLANELLI: I Jones; I Evans, N Boobyer, N Davies, W Proctor; C Stephens, R Moon; H Williams-Jones, R McBryde, S John, L Williams, A Copsey, C Quinnell, P Davies, A Lamerton

CARDIFF: C John, S Ford, G John, A Pallrey, N Walker; A Davies, A Moore; A Lewis, J Humphries, L Mustoe, S Roy, D Jones, M Bennett, E Lewis, G Williams. Bennett replaced by V Davies (79mn).

Referee: A Rowlands (Treorchy).



Evans: clinical finish

Pontypridd sustain pressure

PONTYPRIDD maintained their pursuit of Cardiff in the first division of the Heineken League with a 29-15 win over Newport on Saturday. Ten points from the Gareth Rees, the Canada stand-off, brought Newport to within a point of the home side at 16-15, but it was the kicking of Neil Jenkins, Rees's opposite number, which proved decisive. Jenkins scored 19 of his side's tally with five penalty goals and two conversions.

Swansea led Dunvant 6-3 at the break before six tries took them to a 45-3 victory. Aled Williams landing three conversions and three penalty goals.

Neath beat Newbridge 27-15 with David Llewellyn, their scrum half, scoring two tries and James Reynolds, back from Cambridge University, also going over.

Treorchy climbed to sixth place after a 31-8 win at lowly Pontypool, for whom Kevin Walker, the brother of the Wales international, Nigel, scored a late try.

Bridgend beat Abertillery 41-3, Jason Ball, their stand-off half, kicking 16 points and Glen Webbe scoring two of his side's five tries.

☐ Gloucestershire beat Surrey 23-6 in a CIS county championship quarter-final at Cheltenham yesterday. Davis, Morgan and Windo scored Gloucestershire's tries with Smith kicking two penalty goals and a conversion.

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NOTICE UNDER SECTION 46 OF THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
DOMAINE LEISURE LTD REGISTERED NUMBER: 1876027 FORMER COMPANY NAMES: KENEGIE MANOR LTD TRADING NAMES: THE COLISEUM; CORNISH MANOR HOLIDAYS. Notice is hereby given that on 30 January 1995, P E Tuch and J A Talbot of PO Box 1BS, 1 Surrey Street, London WC2R 2NT were appointed Joint Administrative Receivers of the above company by National Westminster Bank plc under the powers conferred in a debenture dated 22 January 1990 containing fixed and floating charges over the assets and undertakings of the company. Dated this 2nd day of February 1995 P E Tuch and J A Talbot Joint Administrative Receivers

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
COMPANIES COURT
No. 00217 of 1995
IN THE MATTER OF UNITED TILE LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 17th January 1995 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £500,100 to £250,050 by cancelling paid up capital to the extent of 50p upon each of the ordinary shares of £1 each and by reducing the nominal amount of each of the said ordinary shares to 50p.
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr. Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 15th day of February 1995.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED THIS 24th day of January 1995.
Walker Morris
King's Court
12 King Street
Leeds
LS1 2HL

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION LEEDS
DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF LEEDS CANAL BASIN (DEVELOPMENTS) LIMITED AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
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DATED THIS 31st day of January 1995
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LS1 2HL

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE NO 3569 of 1994
CHANCERY DIVISION LEEDS DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF CATTLE'S (HOLDINGS) P.L.C. AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
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AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Colbert at Liverpool on Monday the 13th day of February 1995 at 10.30 am.
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A copy of the said Petition will be furnished for any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 2nd day of February 1995.
Constant & Constant, of Sea Containers House, 20 Upper Ground, Blackfriars Bridge, London SE1 9PD, Solicitors for the above-named Company.

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Trade classification: 22
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Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Allied Irish Bank plc
G S Kintan and P R Copp
Joint Administrative Receivers
(office holder nos: 8268/01 and 1788/01)
Address: BDO Stoy Hayward
8 Baker Street
London
W1M 1DA

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Dated 30 January 1995
R Smith - Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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The Insolvency Act 1986
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington FIPA of Poppleton & Appleby, 4 Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN was appointed Liquidator of the said Company by the members and creditors on 31st January 1995. M.R.DORRINGTON, Liquidator

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
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France succumb to all-round superiority of side emphasising its grand slam credentials


IAN STEWART

Tony Underwood escapes the despairing dive of Viars on the way to scoring his second try and completing England's resounding victory over France

England expand on glorious past

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BY DAVID HANDS
RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THIS England team is in danger of becoming a coach's dream. Every match this season has been won by a handsome margin, yet leaves specific areas for improvement. But that is, in the most literal sense, a technicality. What matters more is the bounding sense of confidence and well-being that emanates from a squad now halfway towards a grand slam.

It is hard to overstate the significance of the victory at Twickenham on Saturday, both in the manner of its achievement and what it means for the five nations' championship and, beyond that, the World Cup. Success in Ireland was sweet; success against a team with the achievements of France was something else again.

But more than that, this season offers convincing proof of a radical shift in English thinking. It is all very well for managers and coaches to talk of an expansive game, but it takes time for players to have the confidence to carry it out. Taken in conjunction with the A international at Leicester on Friday, there are now a generation of England players using the ball as they have never done before.

English players have, notoriously, used their bodies rather than the ball to "take out" opponents. But at Leicester and Twickenham the swift transfer between forwards and backs which, crucially, leaves players on their feet and able to sustain movements was wonderful to see and allies the best qualities of those two outstanding rugby nations, France and New Zealand.

The senior players can retain elements of the old-style England, decked out in more dynamic colours. The grand-slam teams of 1991 and 1992 moved primarily from set-piece to set-piece. Now, there are fewer scrums and lineouts and more driving mauls and the bruising running of the outstanding Rodber, allowing England to exercise their traditional strengths but give their backs greater freedom.

Not that France offered them the breadth of Twickenham. "We understood we would be playing against a curtain all day which would close us down," Jack Rowell, the England manager, said, but in Rob Andrew he had a tool *par excellence* to use either the great battering strength of his back row or to turn France with the quality of his kicking.

Just as against Ireland, fundamental to the victory was control of the ball. England had it, while France, for all their success at the lineout, did not, as a turnover rate of 2-1 in favour of England indicates. The play which preceded Andrew's second penalty goal amply demonstrated the difference. From the moment that Ubogu capitalised on a spilt French pass, there were eight passes, four rucks, all utterly secure, before the offside decision came.

Another comparison with New Zealand teams of old lies in England's ability to respond to opposing scores, and defend their own. Within a minute of France taking the lead, England were level; from the restart that followed a magnificent France try from 70 metres, Andrew kicked a penalty goal. Forced or unforced, error riddled the French game and England, haunting their inexperienced half backs, built on it.

Rowell still insists that he has a collection of talented individuals who lag behind the team plays perfected by Australia, and that only two games remain before exposure to southern-hemisphere teams and conditions in the World Cup. Yet, apart from extending to eight the run of victories over France that has lasted since 1989, England are well down the road to reducing the gap between themselves and the best of the rest.

France's response to the setback will be instructive. They were disrupted at the scrum by the loss of the concussed Benezech, and in their attacking formations by Sadourny's withdrawal with a cut that required 12 stitches behind the knee. They can hug the memory of Viars's try, sparked by Saint-André and Bernat-Salles, sustained by Accoceberry and Cabannes, that reduced the gap to 13-10 just after the interval.

Against that were great swaths of English possession and territorial domination. Moreover, England took the tries on offer. Guscott's seventeenth for England, but his first since returning to international rugby last year, was the result of forward pressure and a delightful dummy. There were two by Tony Underwood, bringing his season's tally to six, the second of which was as perfect a demonstration of a set-piece try as even an Antipodean could wish.

Productive use of the blind side has never been England's forte, but here Richards and Bracken set up Rodber, whose perfectly weighted pass found Catt at speed. The full back drew the defence and the younger Underwood finished in classic manner. Not since 1914 have England beaten the French by such a margin. Maybe they will not arrive at Waterloo in future.

SCORERS: England: Tries: T Underwood (2), Guscott. Conversions: Andrew (2). Penalty goals: Andrew (4). France: Try: Viars. Conversion: Lacroix. Penalty goal: Lacroix.

ENGLAND: M J Catt (Bath); T Underwood (Leicester), W D C Carling (Harlequins, captain), J C Guscott (Bath), R Underwood (Leicester/RAF), C R Andrew (Wasps), K P P Bracken (Bristol); J Leonard (Harlequins), B C Moore (Harlequins), V E Ubogu (Bath), T A K Rodber (Northampton/Army), M O Johnson (Leicester), M C Bayfield (Northampton), B B Clarke (Bath), D Richards (Leicester).

FRANCE: J-L Sadourny (Colomiers); P Bernat-Salles (Pau), P Sella (Agen), T Lacroix (Dax), P Saint-André (Montferrand, captain); C Deylaud (Toulouse), G Accoceberry (Bègles-Bordeaux), L Benezech (Racing), J-M Gonzalez (Bayonne), C Califano (Toulouse), A Berazzi (Agen), O Brouzet (Grenoble), O Roumat (Dax), L Cabannes (Racing), P Benetton (Agen). Benezech replaced by L Seigne (Brive, 23min); Sadourny replaced by S Viars (Brive, 38), M de Rougemont (Toulon) temporarily replacement for Gonzalez (6-8).

Referee: K McCarney (Scotland).

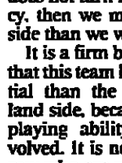
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Scotland	1	1	0	0	26	13	2
France	2	1	0	1	31	40	2
Wales	1	0	0	1	9	21	0
Ireland	2	0	0	2	21	46	0

RESULTS: Jan 21: France 21 Wales 9; Ireland 8 England 20; England 31 France 10; Scotland 26 Ireland 13.

MATCHES TO COME: Feb 18: France v Scotland, Wales v England. Mar 4: Ireland v France; Scotland v Wales. Mar 18: England v Scotland; Wales v Ireland

Flexible friends deserve credit for turning the tactical tide



Rob Andrew, England's stand-off half, believes the best is yet to come from a team of rich potential

Philippe Sella, a player for whom I have an enormous respect, told me on Saturday evening at the after-match banquet that this was the best all-round England team he had played against. He said he could not see a weakness.

To receive such a compliment from such a man is nice, but there is no danger of this going to our heads, for the fact is that we could and probably should have beaten France by an even bigger margin. A few chances of tries were lost and I missed some kicks at goal, all of which adds up to one unmistakable point — the great thing about this side is that there is still more to come.

The England players were not completely ecstatic at what had happened. We said collectively: "Yes, we are pleased and it was a good win, but we can do better and we will do."

That notwithstanding, the last two games will have moved the team forward quite a long way. Ireland away and France at home represented a very tough start to the championship for us. To have secured two fine wins must have given greater confidence to the younger guys in the team. As long as the higher confidence does not turn into complacency, then we must be a better side than we were.

> 'There is no danger of success going to our heads'

It is a firm belief of all of us that this team has more potential than the previous England side, because of the ball-playing ability of those involved. It is not just the back row who are moving the ball; forwards such as Martin Bayfield and Martin Johnson also want the ball in their hands to drive at the opposition. The front row are the same.

What turned the match on Saturday was the collective decision of the four players who form the spine of this side — Brian Moore, Dean Richards, Will Carling and myself. Between us, we have 212 caps, a lot of experience of the game all over the world. We needed that know-how to change the game-plan with which we had started the match. I do not think it was only one of us that realised it, there was a general awareness that we had to switch tactics. We talk a lot between breakdowns about what is happening and where we are going to go next.

We realised that, with the French strung out across the field like a defensive curtain, we had to bring the play closer in and stop playing from such a long distance out. In the first 15 minutes, we got ourselves caught too far away from the forwards and were tending to go sideways in attack, often not even breaking over the gain-line. Cabannes is so good at getting out wide to assist his backs that we felt we needed a tighter platform, much closer in, to suck the French in and then try to attack.

We had also started by playing around the area of our own ten-yard line and keeping the ball in hand quite deep. We decided this was not working and we needed not only to pull the game in closer to the forwards but also to play much closer to the French line. It was obvious we needed to kick the ball down to their end and then exert pressure, not do it from 50 or 60 yards out. That is what happened with Jerry Guscott's try.

It is one of the improvements of *this England* side that first, we can now recognise the need to change tactics, and second, there is the capability to make that change. The rest of the team have to accept that it is right to switch tactics and also be capable of carrying out whatever we have decided to do. That, too, is a big difference.

The great thing about our pack is that it is starting to be able to play in many different guises. *It can understand* what is required and is then able to do it. But improvements still need to be made. Our lineout went off the boil in the second half, and the link between backs and forwards could be better. We are beginning to rediscover our try-scoring mode, but chances were missed. We will look to improve that aspect and the others against Wales in Cardiff in a fortnight.

☐ *Interview by Peter Bills*

Guscott mixes style with substance



DAVID MILLER
At Twickenham

England nowadays is notably short on national sporting heroes. We find little if any exhilaration from either of our main national games, football and cricket, so it was a particular joy to see the triumphant return to the five nations' arena at Twickenham on Saturday by Jeremy Guscott. The England centre and his colleagues gave justifiable cause for high expectation in the World Cup in South Africa this summer.

What a difference there is between winning, as England often did over the past six years, and winning with style. How much it gladdens the heart of the sporting nation to feel that it is represented by heroes whom others envy, a sentiment that goes back to Horatio holding the bridge, and before. Although it is a short stride from national pride to xenophobia, celebrating a sporting victory can be honourable enough when the performance is as stylish as it was now.

Against a France side that disintegrated a shade too easily for total English satisfaction, Guscott and Tony Underwood, together with Rodber and Clarke, the roaring, rampaging flankers, gave Twickenham a massive feel-good factor and made England, more than ever, a team for even the best to fear.

Guscott's try, six minutes before half-time, unleashed an explosive noise of appreciation, the kind of occasion for which England followers have longed during his year's absence with a pelvic injury, since his previous try, against Ireland in 1993. Almost by definition, sporting heroes create their sublime moments from situations that the spectator has not anticipated, with sudden technical or tactical inspiration. This was one of them.

It followed a roll of thrilling, linking moves that had carried England from one end of the field to the other, Rodber, Ubogu, Clarke and others driving the ball to within yards of the French line in a surge that became a 40-second siege.

With Clarke failing to cross the line on the left, Bracken extracted the ball like a pip from a lemon squeezer and fed it right to Guscott. With the rest of the backs, now including Catt, strung out and poised for the kill, Guscott feinted to send the French defence lunging left to cover, and in an instant checked on his right foot to dart through the gap that opened. It looked even better on video than it had in the moment of execution.

Here was the Guscott of old, the gifted centre who had announced his international arrival with a memorable try for the British Isles against Australia down under in 1989, aged 23; who had scored a brilliant but vain try in the failed grand slam bid at Murrayfield the following year; who ignites the game and the grandstands almost every time he has the chance to run. There was another occasion, in the second half, when he sliced from right to left, evading two tackles, before he finally ran out of space at the touchline.

As Guscott and his colleagues leapt in jubilation at England's 13-3 lead, Carling, the captain, quietly walked across to Clarke, still prostrate a stride from the French line, to commend his valiant contribution.

It was pertinently asked afterwards whether the England performance had been designed specifically to beat France — continuously sucking their back row into the loose play — or to take on the world in due course. Jack Rowell, the manager, gave his usual enigmatic smile — which could mean anything from contempt to courteous agreement — and said that England were "going in the right direction". None could disagree, least of all the French.

It was sensible for him to be cautious in his satisfaction. Although England had devoured the French pack, the recollection lingered that the three finest pieces of sustained running and handling, as opposed to the sharp, two-pass thrusts for England's first and third tries, had come from France, momentarily finding their characteristic flamboyance. England will encounter that kind of opposition more frequently, and from others, in South Africa's dry conditions in four months.

Nick Farr-Jones, the captain of the last World Cup winners, observed that England are in roughly the same state of development as were Australia in 1991 when setting off from home, which is encouragement enough. And Rowell added that England have "a lot of work to do" on technique and team play. For the moment, however, there was plenty to cheer.

How different it might have been until those last two tries in the final seven minutes. In the seventieth minute, the French, in glorious retaliation, had run the ball in a ripple of seven passes from left to right that England only just halted in time with the score at 19-10. In the next breath, Tony Underwood, pursuing Andrews's long diagonal kick, somewhat fortuitously went unpenalised for flattening Saint-André from behind to gain the touchdown.

Yes, Pierre Berbizier, the France coach, admitted, they did despair of beating England, and they had not performed as they could and should have done. Saint-André said he was "surprised" that Underwood's touchdown was allowed. It is rugby's enduring virtue that the referee is respected.

Guscott goes over for England's first try against France at Twickenham

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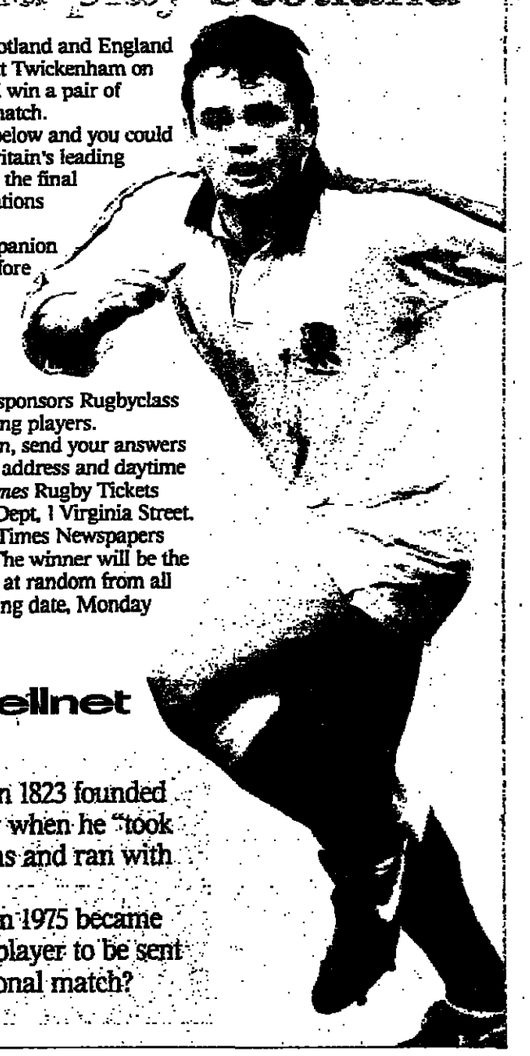
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Wolverhampton wander into trouble as Endsleigh League promotion struggles take their toll

Bolton bear stamp of Premiership quality

Bolton Wanderers 5
Wolverhampton W 1

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

GRAHAM TAYLOR looked like a man who had discovered something unsemling but was not ready to let on. He smiled, as he often does, and spoke generously of Bolton Wanderers' many qualities, which is not difficult. His players had been summarily dismissed by opponents more skilful and clever than his and the realisation stung him.

Wolverhampton may yet be promoted. They have money, support and, in Taylor, a manager who knows his way through the ginnels and snickets of league football. Do not bank on it, though.

Bolton demonstrated vividly on Saturday why they are regarded as the best team outside the FA Carling Premiership, and, now that they are top of the Endleigh Insurance League first division, they have the points to support that view.

When a side plays as well as Bolton did, in a match that held such significance for both teams, one must rejoice. They did not kick. They did not argue with the referee. They did not whip up the crowd into a mite of resentment. They just got hold of the ball and passed it all afternoon over a pig of a pitch. It was wonderful to behold.

All who truly care about the style and quality of our football will rally to their side. Over three seasons, in which time they have earned one promotion and enjoyed a famous FA Cup run, they have grown organically. In the process, they have held on to young players like Alan Stubbs and Jason McAteer, who are highly prized. The impression is that they, and others, are happy to belong to such a harmonious club. This sense of comradeship, which they carry on to the field, offers a bracing contrast to so much of the greed and tackiness elsewhere that breaches the supporters' trust.

Stubbs looks a tremendous prospect. Time and again, he played his way out of trouble, not with an aimless hoof but with a pass looked for and accomplished with a natural swing of the foot, right or left, in the manner of a golfer taking a practice swing. Alongside him, Coleman enjoyed a terrific game, re-establishing Bolton's lead before half-time with the nod of a head that repeatedly defied all that Wolverhampton could throw at him.

Yet, for all their goals, the man Bolton had to thank most for victory was Branagan, the goalkeeper. At 1-1, Wolverhampton were in the game. Indeed, there was one stretch of the first half when they appeared to have more men on the field, and in Emblen, the tall midfield player, they had a man keen to take things over.

In the 32nd minute, he arrived in the Bolton penalty area to shoot powerfully from 15 yards, so powerfully that he sensed the ball was going into the top corner. Branagan got the faintest of touches to the ball, diverting it over the bar. With the game balanced so finely, his save enabled Bolton to regroup, and when, five minutes later, Coleman benefited from a well-worked corner ploy, football poured out of them.

Over the years, Bolton's reputation as a refuge for flinty defenders has taken some living down. "You can push the ball past me", Roy Hartle once told Tom Finney, "and you can run past me, but you're not going together." It was Hartle who left the young Mike Summerbee lying on the cinder track at Burnden Park, bruised and wiser. Summerbee instantly vowed to "look after myself better", which he duly did. Others were not so lucky.

Reputations, once gained, can be misleading. There have always been good footballing teams at Bolton. Ian Greaves was responsible for the last one, which won promotion on Blackburn's ground in May 1978 after heroic failures in each of the two previous seasons. The moment things got tough in the first division, Greaves was sacked and it has taken the arrival of Bruce Rioch to redirect the club.

The team Rioch is developing is no less pleasant to watch and, crucially, it has younger men, fresher legs. Neither can Colin Todd's influence as coach be discounted. "He's taught me never to be afraid of playing," Stubbs, who has learned more than most, said. So much, in fact, that a call-up to the full England squad is imminent.

"Don't be afraid to play" is not a bad maxim. In the second half, their sails nicely filled with goals from Phillips — a cracking 25-yarder — and Coyle, Bolton pulled Wolverhampton around at will. Lee, twisting away from challenges, stretched them on the right. Thompson, on the other side, invited defenders to confront him, confident in his ability to fool them. His was the final goal, scored emphatically with a raking shot.

Sneekes, the Dutchman, had opened the scoring with a shot no less emphatic after Lee and Thompson linked at a corner. Indeed, Sneekes peppered the visitors' goal in the first half-hour with forceful shots and contributed fully in a robust, old-fashioned way. Bolton may play decent football, but they are not a soft bunch. Anyone going to Burnden will see a good, old-fashioned game and, to put yourself in the right mood, visit one of the two pie shops opposite the ground. They are magnificent.

BOLTON WANDERERS (4-4-2): K Branagan — S Green, A Stubbs, S Coleman, J Phillips — J McAteer, R Sneekes, D Lee, O Coyle — M Pastelainen, A Thompson

WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS (4-3-3): P Jones — P Blades, J de Wolf, B Law, A Thompson — N Emblen (sub: T Bennett, 76min), G Cowans, P Dennison — D Goodman, D Kelly, L Mills (sub: G Thomas, 64)

Referee: J Kirkby


CHRIS GLEAVE

Coleman leaps high above the Wolverhampton defence to score Bolton's second goal during their impressive victory at Burnden Park

Brentford fail to impress in leading role

Brighton 1
Brentford 1

BY MEL WEBB

THE point that Brentford gathered from this match meant that they lost a short-lived top placing in the Endsleigh Insurance League second division table. And if the jittery display they produced at the Goldstone Ground on Saturday was a by-product of the responsibilities of leadership, then it was perhaps as well for them that they did.

For a side that, before the game, had scored 54 goals this season, more than any other in the division, they were curiously diffident after they had taken a deserved lead in the first half through Bailey. Indeed, they were pegged back by an aggressive Brighton side for much of the second period, and when Brighton equalised, six minutes after the break, albeit with a headed own goal by Bates, it was no more than they deserved.

Teams often mirror the personal footballing philosophy of their manager, but not in this case. Liam Brady's Brighton have a certain style about them, but, more than that, they are a living embodiment of the work ethic. Brentford, on the other hand, might be expected to be as hard and craggy as David Webb, their manager, was as a player.

Instead, they play with an elegance and sophistication that is not always the way to succeed in the lower reaches of the league. Even when defending, as they were forced to here, they do not succumb to the temptation to clout the ball mindlessly out of the danger zone. It seems, gratifyingly, to be working.

Perhaps the pivotal moment in the match came with six minutes left, Ashby, the Brentford central defender, sweeping Bailey's free kick into the net, only to have the effort nullified by Clive Wilkes, the referee. Brentford were too surprised to complain very much, beyond drawing the assertion from a linesman that he had seen "a little player" offside as the kick was taken.

Afterwards, not even Brighton admitted to spotting the mysterious diminutive offender. "He must have been a very little player, because I didn't see him," Brady said. "If I had had that goal disallowed for my team, I would have been highly unhappy." True to his manager's suit, however, Brady was soon back in "our boys" mode. "I still say that it would have been a bit of a travesty if we had lost," he said. On balance, he was right, and Webb all but agreed.

"They're a seasoned side and I knew it wouldn't be easy down here, but I thought we resisted pretty well in the second half when they were coming at us," he said.

One of those experienced players, Foster, the veteran centre back, was as he ever was — tough, head-banded, uncompromising and booked. It was his sixth yellow card of the season, and before long he will be missing for two games.

Webb looks like being without one of his central defenders for a spell, too. Ashby went down near the edge of his own penalty area in stoppage time and Wilkes ruled that play should continue without anybody coming to the player's assistance.

"It makes me furious," Webb said. "Is the referee a doctor, too? What annoys me is that he was more or less saying there was nothing wrong with him. In fact, it looks as if he's torn a muscle — his thigh's up like a balloon. My players are not cheats, and for him to make a judgment that the lad was not injured is quite disgraceful."

Do not worry unduly, Mr Wilkes, for you are in good company. If the last couple of weeks are anything to go by and enraged managers are to be believed, none of your colleagues are up to much, either.

BRIGHTON (4-4-2): N Rust, P Smith, S Foster, P McCarthy, S Tuck; M Chamberlain (sub: S Munday, 90min), J Minton, S Myall, I Chapman, J McDougald, K Nogan.
BRENTFORD (4-4-2): K Dearden; C Hutchings, J Bates, B Ashby, M Grainger (sub: D McGhee, 83); D Bailey, D Mundee, S Ratcliffe, P Stephenson (sub: B Statham, 72); R Taylor, N Forster
Referee: C Wilkes.


Webb: critical of referee

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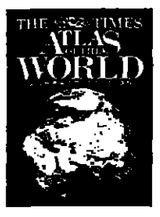
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Branfoot rising in lower reaches

Fulham 1
Bury 0

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

IAN BRANFOOT, the Fulham manager, scanned the results sheet on Saturday and sighed, the mock disappointment immediately detectable. "Look at that," he said. "Southampton only drew. What a shame." Though he argues otherwise, the hurt from an ultimately torrid 2½-year spell at The Dell, and subsequent dismissal, still lingers beneath the tough-as-teak veneer.

Not that he wishes ill on the Southampton majority. "It's a lovely club with a lot of good people," he said. What rankles deep down, a year on, is the abusive power of the terraces that persuaded the powers that be that he should seek employment elsewhere. A vitriolic campaign culminated in a club fanzine printing the eternal damnation: "Hope you die soon".

Branfoot dwells momentarily on the past. "It's part of the job," he said. "It's a yob culture, the only thing they know. Supporters are less tolerant and more hostile than they used to be."

After daring to drop Le Tissier and preferring a direct, combative style of play, Branfoot rarely captivated the Southampton *cognoscenti*. "They wanted an Alan Ball or a Mick Channon, an ex-Southampton player, to take over," he said. "It was a case of Ian Who? when I joined. I was on a loser from the start."

Branfoot, 48, now faces familiar problems in a familiar environment, not dissimilar to when he led Reading from nowhere to an old third division title in 1986 and a Simod Cup triumph in 1988 before also parting company, acrimoniously, with his paymasters. Fulham are London's lowest-ranked league club and Craven Cottage is craving success.

Branfoot does not concern himself with the pressing financial matters on the banks of the Thames: the £7.5 million needed to buy the ground from the Royal Bank of Scotland and the planning application for radical redevelopment going before Hammersmith council later this month. Jimmy Hill, OBE, chairman and football guru, and Bill Muddyman, moneyman and vice-chairman, look after such issues.

Branfoot is more entwined in the pursuit of a play-off place in the Endsleigh Insurance League third division. Fulham are competitive, a Branfoot trait, and have amassed 67 bookings and three sendings-off this season. Hurlock, their midfield player, leads the league's bad boys with 14 cautions — reason for him to sit it out on Saturday because of suspension. His absence, though, proved immaterial; Bury's threat was barely more than minimal.

Kelly, their goalkeeper, gallantly maintained the status quo with a succession of athletic saves until the 56th minute, when Thomas's hooked volley from 20 yards flew in off the crossbar. Bury's only other notable contribution was the eccentric display of Daws, a substitute, who came on in the sixtieth minute, was booked in the 82nd and sent off in the 88th. The shame he expressed, as he trooped off, head bowed, to the dressing-room, was genuine.

FULHAM (4-4-2): J Stannard — D Jupp, M Blake, K Moore, T Angus — J Marshall, M Thomas, S Morgan, G Brazil — R Hammill, N Cusack.
BURY (4-4-2): G Kelly — M Jackson (sub: N Daws, 60min), C Lucketti, I Hughes, R Stanislaus — A Kelly, R Mauge, L Johnrose, D Pugh — M Carter, J Paskin (sub: P Stant, 66).
Referee: D Orr.

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Ambitious Canvey repeating their past

CANVEY Island came to prominence by reaching the semi-finals of the FA Vase two seasons ago (Walter Gammie writes). Since then, they have won promotion from the Essex Senior League to the Diadora League, but they have not lost their appetite for the Vase as they showed by marching into the quarter-finals again on Saturday with a 3-0 victory.

Stamco, their opponents from the Unijet Sussex League who, in the previous round, had beaten Tiverton Town — Canvey's conquerors in that semi-final — fielded six former Football League players. Yet they were undone by an eye-catching display by Andy Jones, a home-grown Island talent.

Jones, a crop-haired, quicksilver slip of a striker, combined with Tony Mahoney, straggle-haired and more substantial, as befits another ex-League elder statesman, and caused Stamco endless problems on a pitch resembling a beach.

Canvey settled quickly and scored a second-minute goal. Lee's long ball from the right picked out Dizzy, who drifted away from Chivers, chested the ball down and skipped round Winterton. In the 35th minute, Jones streaked away from Farrier and squared to Mahoney, whose fierce volley was stopped by Winterton only for Jones to dart in and head home the rebound.

Five minutes from time, Mahoney played a splendid first-time ball over the defence for Jones to hare away again. Winterton, defiant all afternoon, blocked well, but the ball ran across for Pizzey to stroke into an empty net.

Boli puts powerful case at heart of Rangers defence

KEVIN McCARRA



Scottish commentary

Basile Boli's head has been one of the principal weapons of modern football. It was used to despicable effect when the France international centre back butted Stuart Pearce, of England, during the 1992 European championship, and employed for glory, a year later, as he rose at the near post to flick Marseilles's winner against AC Milan in the European Cup final.

In Scotland, however, since the £2.5 million move to Rangers last summer, there have been many doubts about Boli's ability to keep his head. Walter Smith, the manager at Ibrox, explained at the time of the signing that he had bought Boli to add aggression to the defence. He has not been short-changed, but the channelling of the newcomer's undoubted vigour has posed him problems.

Despite an ordering-off against Hibernian, for two bookable offences, there has been nothing vindictive about Boli. It was impetuousity that initially marred his performances. In early matches for Rangers, he tended to play to the gallery, occasionally gesturing with clenched fist. A touch of the theatricals can be agreeable, but Boli was in danger of believing in his own melodrama.

There were comic book charges downfield, which left the rest of the back four abandoned, and when Boli did stick to his main job, he was still inclined to lunge at opponents. He is a practitioner of horizontal defending and all those sliding challenges make you wonder whether the club have had to reinforce the seat of his shorts.

Rangers may also have pondered the usefulness of a gag when they encountered another facet of Boli's impulsive character. After this season's European Cup debacle against AEK Athens, he was said to have made critical remarks to the French press about Rangers's tactics and preparation. On closer inspection, these proved not to be quite so lurid as originally reported in British newspapers. Even so, they were hardly prudent.

Of late, however, Boli's desire for intervention has begun to be of service to his club. The histrionics have been scaled down to sensible enthusiasm and the defender's readiness to make a quick tackle was precisely what Rangers required at Ibrox on Saturday. Smith's side did swiftly equalise through Robertson after Dundee United had taken a 23rd-minute lead with Nixon's goal, but the visitors' darting counter-attacks called for vigilance all afternoon, vigilance that ultimately earned the premier division leaders a 1-1 draw.

Boli's alacrity was precisely what Rangers required. He has always been a battler, growing up in the sort of circumstances that, in the movies at least, turn a man into heavyweight champion of the world. Although born in the Ivory Coast, his family soon moved to the immigrant ghetto of Romainville on the edge of Paris.

He has spoken frankly of his childhood, of petty theft as well as fare dodging on the Metro. Boli was turned into a footballer by the extraordinary youth policy operated by Guy Roux at Auxerre, which also deserves whatever praise and blame is due for the construction of Eric Cantona. Roux is clearly a connoisseur of individualists.

Boli plays and lives with a passion, but the desire to confront the world has many beneficiaries. His Basile Boli Foundation, for example, employs four doctors who help young drug addicts in his native Abidjan as well as Paris and Marseilles. The Rangers defender is also associated with Aids charities in Africa.

Anyone who saw him, soon after arriving at Ibrox, with his torso pushed out of the rear window of a car while he braced himself with an arm thrown across the roof, could have guessed that he will never suffer from restrictions or petty prudence. As his form improves, it would be agreeable to report that Boli's verve will prove a valuable ingredient in the Rangers team.

In reality, the long-term future looks much less certain. The Uefa restrictions, which allow only three foreigners per team in European Cup ties, may eventually threaten him. Managers who possess Rangers's resources are always likely to have misgivings about handing one of these precious places to a mere central defender.

With an Englishman and a Dane — Mark Hateley and Brian Laudrup — at the heart of Rangers's strategy, the arrival of another non-Scot would present Boli with a challenge, yet Smith has already said that he is intent on making just such a signing.

The purchase of Alan McLaren, the defender, from Heart of Midlothian has made it all the simpler for Rangers to contemplate omitting their Frenchman from the European Cup. If Boli's love of the battle extends to a struggle for selection, he may just have come to the right club.

United struggle on in Cantona's shadow

Manchester United..... 1
Aston Villa..... 0

By Peter Ball

ALEX FERGUSON broke his silence on Eric Cantona. Mark Hughes signed a new contract and Andy Cole collected a bruised eye and his first goal for Manchester United — but if United's strikers dominated the headlines, defenders dominated the play at Old Trafford on Saturday. Gary Pallister and Paul McGrath ensuring that Cole's goal decided a scrappy match.

Cantona is in the West Indies on holiday, but, even from that distance, his effect on United is inescapable on and off the field as the champions come to terms with his absence. "We must show there is life after Eric!" Ferguson wrote in his programme notes, after expressing his regrets for the now notorious incident at Selhurst Park that led to the Frenchman's suspension.

Was that a Freudian slip? "If we wanted Eric to go, we would have put him on the transfer list, but we haven't done that," Martin Edwards, the United chairman, said, but his denial was hedged with qualifications. "We can't prejudge what the Football Association commission [which is dealing with the matter] will do. Also, we don't know how Eric will be with this long layoff, where his mind is going to be, what his attitude is going to be when the ban starts to take place."

Cantona's absence has already changed Mark Hughes's situation, the Frenchman's suspension and uncertain future persuading United to give Hughes the new, two-year contract he sought. "Mark is a quality player and one of the reasons we were letting him go was that, sooner or later, we had to make a start to resolve our need for English players in European competition," Edwards said.

"But things have changed. The league's in jeopardy, the FA Cup is in jeopardy, so the European problem goes out the window, because, if you fail in your domestic competitions, you don't have the problem. At the end of the day, you can't let things go."

The decision was, at least, immensely popular with the supporters. Before the start, they gave Hughes an ovation almost to match the one that greeted Cole's goal. However, how the old and new striker will work together may decide United's hopes of retaining the FA Carling Premiership title.

"I'm looking forward to it," Cole said. "He [Hughes] likes to get the ball and hold it up and, if he plays it back, it might give me the chance to get in behind defences."

Apart from his goal, Cole gave some reasons for optimism in an otherwise poor performance by United. His movement and touch belied the suggestion that he does not contribute in other areas.

His run and driven low cross should have provided United with an early lead, but Sharpe somehow hit the post with the goal gaping — a sign of the way things went for United all afternoon, especially after the departure of Giggs, the victim of a Fashanu "tackle".

"After the first 25 minutes, we were never in the game; we churned out a victory," Ferguson confessed. "It was a vital one, because half the team didn't play as well as they can, and, when you get a result like that, it's as good a sign as you can get in terms of chasing the championship."

The message for Villa is more worrying. They dictated play, controlling the game in a way few teams manage at Old Trafford, but they ended up with nothing. With McGrath in imperious mood at the back, Taylor and Townsend winning the midfield battle so comprehensively that Sharpe and Scholes both felt compelled to supplement United's forces there, they laid siege to United's goal, forcing 15 corners.

Yet, for all their possession, Villa's attacks broke down on the rock at the centre of United's defence. Saunders hit the bar, Johnson later scuffed a good chance, but once Fashanu had been stretchered off accompanied by a yellow card, Pallister stood head and shoulders above the Villa attack. He found time to bring the ball out in the manner of Alan Hansen and his presence in Villa's penalty area, where he met Giggs's corner with a downward header, also produced United's goal. Cole pounced to hook a volley into the net and was promptly engulfed by his teammates, revealing the importance of the goal — and the popularity of the scorer.

"The team spirit is really great," Cole said. "I know we are going to miss Eric, but if the boys win the championship, we'll do it for Eric and that's why we are all pulling together."

MANCHESTER UNITED (4-4-2): P Schmeichel — G Neville (sub: D May, 63min), S Bruce, G Pallister, D Irwin — R Giggs (sub: A Kanchelskis, 44), S McClair, P Ince, L Sharpe — P Scholes, A Cole
ASTON VILLA (4-4-2): M Bosnich — G Charles, P McGrath, S Teale, B Small — D Yorke (sub: R Houghton, 61), I Taylor, A Townsend, S Staunton — D Saunders, J Fashanu (sub: T Johnson, 41)
Referee: D Elleray


Cole: first goal

Keegan's sale forfeits Newcastle's credibility



Simon Barnes on a 3-0 defeat by Queens Park Rangers that confirmed supporters' worst fears

The FA Carling Premiership is a foolish competition. It is based on a series of mismatches, because the top division is in fact two divisions in one. There are less than a dozen clubs seriously trying to win the damn thing: there are about a dozen whose first, if not only, ambition, is simply to stay in the FA Carling Premiership.

Of course, football being football, nothing ever goes entirely to pattern. Any club in the second category is capable of putting together a fine season, and might — just — achieve a place in Europe.

However, that does not mean that, the following year, they will take the next step and play for the Premiership title. They will be back fighting to avoid relegation, hoping for mid-table respectability and the chance of a cup run.

This is normally because something has happened to their best player, the player around whom their strategy was based, on whom their self-belief has been grounded. He has been sold. So you need a new strategy, a new superstar, and a new source of self-belief. These things are not to be had for the asking.

Because, when it comes down to it, you are either a Premiership contender or you are not. In the present jargon, you are either a buying club or a selling club. This is more than a sense of economics: it is a sense of corporate identity, something that affects supporters, board, management and team. What happens if a buying club loses track of the kind of club it wants to be?

Well, for a start, it gets beaten 3-0 by Queens Park Rangers. Newcastle United started the season with a crazed bolt from the starting stalls: everyone's favourites to break the hold Manchester United have had on the Premiership and on the public imagination.

Newcastle, bursting back into the top division after lurking about outside it for years, were still a selling club, to the pain and frustration of a footballing town. They had changed at last the colour of their dreams. They surfed to the top of the Premiership, and then hit crisis. It was not a crisis of finance, but of identity. The born-again buying club decided to sell.

The sale of Andy Cole for the famous £7 million may yet end up as one of the great managerial coups of all time, but in the short term it has cost Newcastle their sense of purpose: more, of self-worth. The sale sent a message into the marrow of the team: we are a selling club, mere lackeys to the great.

Meanwhile, Queens Park Rangers have never had a tradition of greatness, never born the weight of supporters' expectations. They have, over 25 years or so, instead established a tradition of intelligence, of style in defiance of comparative obscurity. They produce good, even some great, players. And generally, it must be said, they sell them.

Not a day goes by without speculation as to when, not if, Rangers will sell Les Ferdinand. The fantasy football of tabloid transfer speculation has a dozen times clad Ferdinand, a frank, fearless and skilful leader of the line, in Newcastle colours. A man who has the rarest quality in football: not skill, not chivalry, not toughness, but — does it come from cold nerve or boiling appetite? — of certainty in front of goal. It would almost be like replacing Andy Cole with Andy Cole.

Ray Wilkins, the Rangers manager, is fed up with all this talk. He is particularly fed up with the kind of footballing folk who ring up the club and berate switchboard operators about the sale of Ferdinand. The aridity of English winter, the rationality of footballing man.

If Newcastle were considering returning to the buying club half of the great divide, Ferdinand put on a memorable display of salesmanship at Loftus Road on Saturday. He scored two goals in seven minutes, both taken with the certainty that cannot be coached. Only bought.

By the eighteenth minute, Newcastle were 3-0 down, with Barker's looping header. It might have been many more. Newcastle suffered the kind of thumping that destroys seasons, and teams.

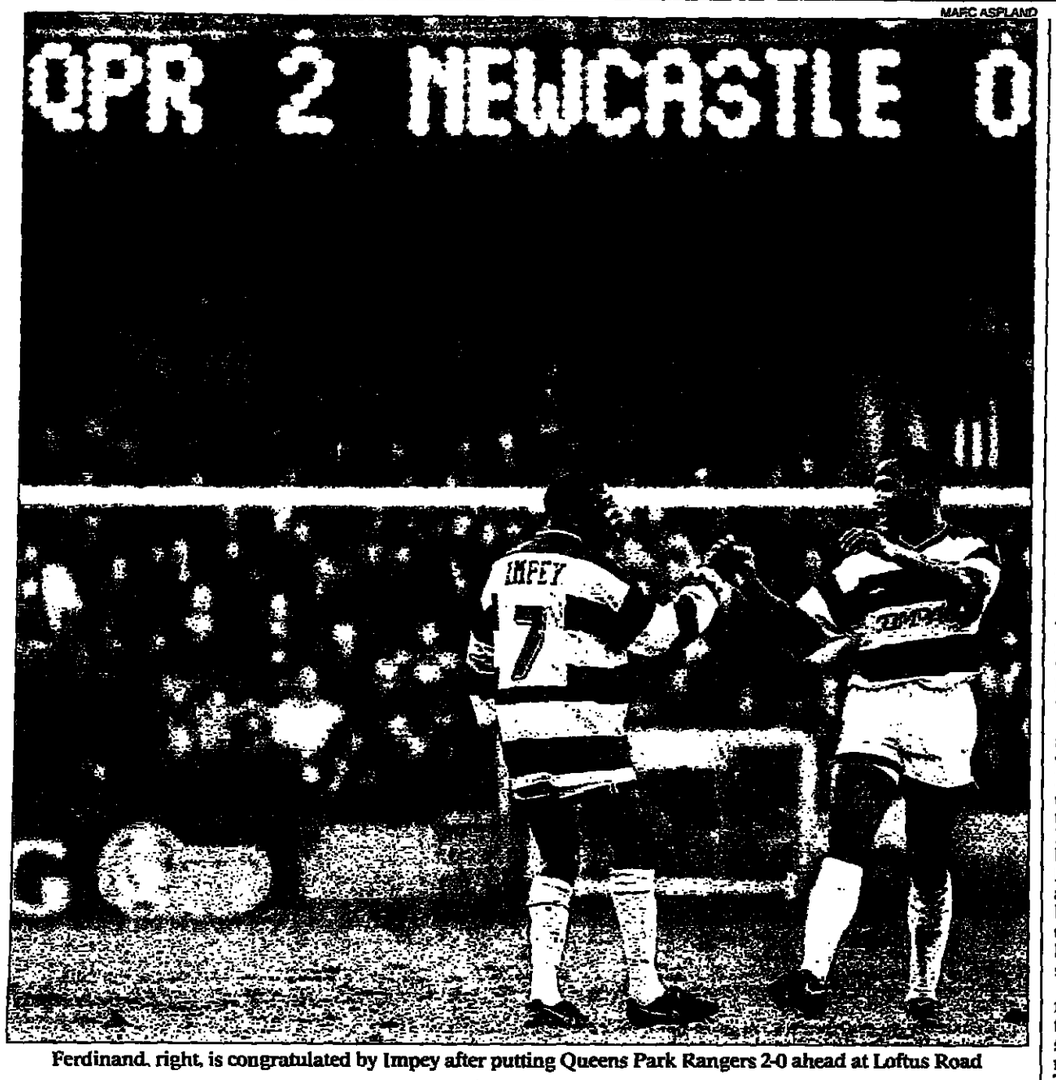
They had some reasons for their disarray, with nine players unavailable with injuries, suspensions or flu. Reasons are different from excuses. Of the latter, they had none. Nor did Kevin Keegan, their manager, seek them. "When we have a team as good as our fans: we'll be something," he said. "We're not there yet."

With the sale of Cole, Newcastle effectively opted out as Premiership title contenders. This was either an act of colossal folly or part of the canniest of canny plans. Perhaps Keegan has his eye on young Gallen, partnering Ferdinand in the Rangers front line, a player all potential at 19, with a nice line in throughballs to Ferdinand. Or why not buy both? This could turn out to be a top-class partnership. But it is in the nature of the Premiership that it will probably be broken up before long.

Queens Park Rangers know exactly who they are: a goodish team who should be able to stave off relegation if they play like this, who may be able to hang on to Ferdinand for another season and a tilt at Europe.

Newcastle remind me (Pseud's Corner please note) of that Gaugin entitled pithily: "Where do we come from? What are we? Where are we going?" Aye, canny questions, man.

QUEENS PARK RANGERS (4-4-2): A Roberts — D Bardsley, A McDonald, D Middle, R Brevett — T Sinclair, A Barker, L Holloway, A Impey — L Ferdinand (sub: D Dicho, 90min), K Gallen
NEWCASTLE UNITED (4-3-1-2): M Hooper — M Hottiger, S Watson, A Nelson, R Elliott — K Gillespie, P Bracewell, L Clark — R Lee — P Beardsley, P Kitson (sub: A Mathie, 49).
Referee: K Cooper (Ponypridd)


MARC ASPLAND

Ferdinand, right, is congratulated by Impey after putting Queens Park Rangers 2-0 ahead at Loftus Road

PREMIERSHIP AT A GLANCE

		Played	Points	Goal diff	Recent form
1	Blackburn	27	59	+34	WLWDL
2	Manchester Utd	27	57	+27	WDWDW
3	Newcastle	27	48	+16	DDWWL
4	Liverpool	26	47	+24	WWLDD
5	Nottm Forest	27	46	+11	WLLWD
6	Tottenham	26	42	+7	WWWLW
7	Leeds	26	39	+6	DDWDD
8	Sheffield Wed	27	39	+3	DDDWW
9	Wimbledon	26	36	-9	DWWLD
10	Norwich	26	34	-4	WLLDL
11	Arsenal	27	33	-1	LDWDL
12	Chelsea	26	32	-3	DDDLD
13	Manchester City	26	32	-6	DDDLD
14	Aston Villa	27	31	-4	DWWWL
15	Southampton	26	30	-5	DDDDD
16	Crystal Palace	27	30	-5	LWLDW
17	QPR	25	30	-6	DWLLW
18	Everton	27	30	-9	DWDLW
19	West Ham	26	28	-9	WLLLW
20	Coventry	27	28	-20	LDLDD
21	Ipswich	27	20	-26	WWDLL
22	Leicester	26	18	-21	LLLWL

Weekly change: Up | Stayed the same | Down

Adams suffers unjustly for imitator's art

Sheffield Wednesday..... 3
Arsenal..... 1

By Keith Pike

SO, TO George Graham's eight glorious years and six bad months can be added 45 mind-blowingly frustrating minutes and one bizarre sending-off, the latter probably turning this match. Whatever else the Arsenal manager might be guilty of, receiving unsolicited gifts from Mystic Meg was not something he could hold his hands up to on Saturday.

Lucky Arsenal? Hardly. They finished the game with nine men and, at this rate, would not win the National Lottery if they bought all the tickets. Boring Arsenal? Ditto.

"They came here with four attackers and we knew they were here to win," Trevor Francis, the Sheffield Wednesday manager, said after a tumultuous afternoon at Hillsborough. "We needed to be somewhere near our best." Easy enough to say in the afterglow of victory, maybe, but Arsenal *did* play more constructive, entertaining football in one game than they sometimes do in a month.

Forget John Hartson's 78th-minute sending-off. Neither the fact that he is a teenager suddenly transported from the relative backwaters of Luton Town to the big league, nor the strain of having to try to justify a £2.5 million transfer fee, could excuse the savagery of his flying, two-footed lunge on Petrescu that threatened to dismember the Romanian. By then, the die was cast.

The crucial moment had come 25 minutes earlier, when Tony Adams, the Arsenal captain, playing an FA Carling Premiership match for the first time since November, found the only card wishing him happy returns was coloured red and being brandished in his direction by Keith Burge, the referee.

It was an extraordinary incident. Three times in the first half, Adams had been fouled by reckless challenges from Mark Bright, the Wednesday forward with an unpleasant habit of getting his retaliation — and his elbow — in first.

The fourth time was the straw that broke the so-called donkey's back. Adams leapt to his feet and, facing Burge, swung his right elbow back to mimic Bright's assault for the benefit of the referee. Imitation, in this case, proved the dearest form of battery. Unbeknown to Adams, Bright was right behind him and took the full force of Adams's elbow in his face.

Bright went down, Adams went off and Graham, with justification, went on the attack. "Tony was complaining about the [Bright's] use of the elbow and was only demonstrating it," Graham said. "It was not intentional at all, but it just highlights the problems we have had with officials in the last couple of weeks."

Bright has offered to support Adams and Graham hopes to use a video recording of the incident to clear his captain. He could also send the clip of Pearce's brutal touchline challenge on Kiwomya — almost in the Hartson class — and ask why that was worth only a caution.

Trailing 2-1 after a cracking first 25 minutes, Arsenal, even with ten men, took the game to Wednesday. Astonishingly, with nine, they stepped up the pressure and an equaliser had looked at least as likely as the third goal for Wednesday, tapped in four minutes into stoppage time by Bright.

By then, Arsenal were probably resigned to their fate. Ahead through the unmarked Linighan's header and pegged back by Petrescu's reply, they had gone behind thanks to another deflection, this one delivering Waddle's scuffed shot into Ingesson's path. Wednesday had the more frequent chances thereafter, but Arsenal still harboured genuine hopes of a point until the contest became unequal.

Jinxed they might be at present, but Graham will not expect too many messages of sympathy. So many of his club's problems are self-inflicted that it will take more than one adventurous, unlucky afternoon to turn the tide of public opinion. Still, at least this was a start.

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SHEFFIELD WEDNESDAY (4-4-1-1): K Pressman — P Atherton, D Walker (sub: J Sheridan, 64min), A Pearce, I Nolan — D Petrescu, G Hyde, C Bart-Williams (sub: G Whittingham, 84), K Ingesson — C Waddle — M Bright
ARSENAL (4-4-2): D Seaman — L Dixon, A Linighan, A Adams, N Winterburn — K Campbell, I Selley (sub: R Parlour, 84), J Jensen (sub: M Keown, 46), P Merson — J Hartson, C Kiwomya.
Referee: K Burge.

Redknapp moves boldly

Leicester City..... 1
West Ham United..... 2

By Alyson Rudd

STICKING to your guns may be admirable in politics, but in football it can backfire. John Gorman offers a case in point. As Swindon Town became firmly entrenched at the foot of the FA Carling Premiership last season, Gorman could not understand it: his team was playing well.

As a consequence, Gorman, while winning admirers for attractive football, did not win enough matches to prevent his club's slide back into the Endsleigh first division.

West Ham United are in a similar position. They have been playing attractive football, creating chances and winning praise, but losing enough fixtures to keep them bobbing in and out of the relegation zone. Harry Redknapp, the West Ham manager, did what had to be done. He dropped players who were *playing well*.

"I didn't want to sound like John Gorman at Swindon last season," he explained, and so, for the game at Filbert Street, he left out Bishop, Holmes and Boere, who, he said, had been "playing absolutely tremendous".

Is there a lesson here for Mark McGhee, the Leicester City manager? McGhee is not insisting that his team is playing well — it would be difficult for him to do so, because it is not — and McGhee would dearly love to bring in different players. Indeed, he sounds as if he would like to bring in as many as eight or nine. Unfortunately, there are not eight or nine half-decent players prepared to sign for a club destined to drop. So McGhee is left with a squad lacking the talent needed to play his passing game. Apparently, they take him too literally.

McGhee envisaged Leicester neatly playing the ball out of defence — which they did beautifully in the sixth minute in a move that should have seen Philpott score — but too often they dawdled in dangerous positions.

Even the highly-rated Draper, whose value seems to increase with every pass, no matter how ordinary, was caught in possession on the edge of his own area, a mistake which let in Dicks, who teed up Cottee to give the visitors the lead in the 29th minute. The Leicester defence then lost its brief spell of composure and Grayson fouled Cottee after a mistake by Smith. Dicks fired his penalty kick with sufficient power to deny Poole his deserved bit of glory. The Leicester goalkeeper was certainly their best player on the day.

Leicester reduced the deficit through Robins in the 45th minute, but, despite the introduction of Lawrence, signed by McGhee from Doncaster Rovers and one of the most entertaining players in the Premiership — witness his attempt to lob Miklosko from 45 yards with the goalkeeper on his line — Leicester were lost.

Given their precarious position, some Redknapp-style pragmatism might be in order, but, despite admitting that he needs better players, McGhee looks set to do a Gorman and stick to his guns.

LEICESTER CITY (4-4-2): K Poole — S Grayson, C Hill, N Mohan, R Smith (sub: J Lawrence, 60min) — M Draper, M Galloway, S Thompson, L Philpott — I Roberts, M Robins
WEST HAM UNITED (4-1-2): L Miklosko — T Breacker, S Potts, A Martin, J Dicks — D Williamson, J Moncur, M Allen, M Hughes — D Hutchinson (sub: J Boere, 87), A Cottee
Referee: J Worrall

Tedium demands more than excuses

Wimbledon..... 0
Leeds United..... 0

By Simon Wilde

THIS has been a dog of a season for football. Its very fabric seems to be perishing before our eyes. Relations between clubs and spectators, spectators and players, players and referees, have all come under strain, leaving those who remain passionate about the game hoping that one day we will be able to get back to the football.

At Selhurst Park on Saturday, we did just that. The referee remained unmolested. Despite the fact that this was Britain's first kick-boxing stadium, no player went feet-first for a spectator. Wimbledon did not even have anyone booked. And it was awful.

It is amazing how, after matches as tedious as this, managers come up with all sorts of excuses. Joe Kinnear and Howard Wilkinson this time made the same one.

"Leeds are a big, powerful outfit," Kinnear, the Wimbledon manager, said. "Most of my back four are downstairs with aspirators."

"Against Wimbledon, you need big people," Wilkinson, the Leeds United manager, said, defending his decision not to bring on Yeboah. "It was important to keep the climbers on the pitch." Neither explained what is wrong with playing the ball on the ground.

Until their opponents tired towards the end, Leeds, who took the first half to get over their previous gruelling match, at Blackburn Rovers, had no answer to Wimbledon's harrying tactics. Their best chance was reserved for the final move of the match, Palmer's header inspiring a brilliant save from Segers.

If Kinnear and Wilkinson were honest, they would admit that their sides had been too afraid of losing — and of losing touch with the Premiership's leading pack.

WIMBLEDON (4-4-2): H Segers — G Ellens, V Jones, A Thorn, K Cunningham — A Reeves, R Earle, O Leonhardsen, W Barton — E Ekoku (sub: J Goodman, 81min), M Harford (sub: G Blissett, 81)
LEEDS UNITED (4-4-2): J Lukic — A Dongo, C Palmer, J Pemberton, G Kelly — N Worthington, G McAllister, L Radebe, D White — G Deane, P Massinge.
Referee: G Ashby.

Ipswich bow to Salako

Ipswich Town..... 0
Crystal Palace..... 2

By Ivo Tennant

PRESCIENCE and perception are still essential to Gary Lineker. In his role as a television pundit, he was explaining at lunchtime on Saturday the merits of John Salako and what an exciting prospect he had seemed to be when they played together all too briefly for England. Come the afternoon, the worth of his opinions was apparent.

Salako made both of Crystal Palace's goals, ensuring that they began a short break to Cyprus on the right note. If Armstrong really would fetch anything up to £5 million on the transfer market, an absurd amount of money on this evidence, then goodness knows how Palace evaluate Salako. Rather more highly, no doubt.

If Palace's first goal owed much to Salako's indefatigability, their second, a penalty, came about through his sheer exuberance. Wark was the second Ipswich defender to prove unable to prevent him jinking into the penalty area, legally at any rate. Palace were by then down to ten men through Newman having been sent off for a second bookable offence, but they never looked like being overwhelmed.

There was a modicum of luck about the first goal, early in the second half. Forrest, outside his own penalty area, easily could have hooked his clearance into the stand. Ipswich, though, are no Wimbledon: they like to play a little more constructively than that. The goalkeeper aimed for his own midfield, but failed to clear Salako. The rebound fell kindly for Dowie, who will never score a simpler goal.


Salako: exuberant

The penalty, awarded three minutes before the end, was neatly placed by Gordon. There was no disputing that Wark's challenge on Salako was thoroughly clumsy, but the recriminations continued in the Ipswich dressing-room long afterwards.

"Everybody wants to blame everybody else for our defeat, including the old and new bosses," George Burley, the Ipswich manager, said. He added, ominously: "There are a lot of players here with bad habits. Changes will have to be made."

Although Ipswich hit the crossbar on three occasions, they performed throughout without conviction. Indeed, you sense that there is an acceptance at Portman Road that relegation is inevitable. Better to make a fresh start in a lower division, when the opposition is more accommodating, the media less censorious and good habits can be properly ingrained.

IPSWICH TOWN (4-4-2): C Forrest — F Yallop, J Wark, T Vaughan, N Thompson — G Johnson (sub: A Paz, 67min), G Williams (sub: C Thomsen, 78), S Sedgley, A Tanner — S Slater, L Chapman
CRYSTAL PALACE (4-4-2): N Martyn — D Patterson, R Shaw, C Coleman, D Gordon — G Southgate, D Pitcher, R Newman, J Salako — C Armstrong (sub: R Bowry, 77), I Dowie.
Referee: S Lodge.

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP

COVENTRY CITY (2) 2 CHELSEA (2) 2
Flynn 26; Burley 36 (og); 13,429 — Stein 14; Spencer 33 (pen)

Coventry City: S Ogrizovic, B Borrows, S Morgan, S Pressley, A Pickering, D Rennie, M Marsh, S Flynn, L Jenkinson (sub: R Wegerle, 44min), P Ndlovu, D Dublin. Booked: Morgan, Pressley, Rennie.

Chelsea: D Kharine, S Clarke (sub: D Rocastle, 35), S Minto, C Burley, E Johnsen, F Sinclair, N Spackman, G Peacock, D Wise, J Spencer, M Stein (sub: P Furlong, 85). Booked: Kharine, Spencer. Referee: R Hart.

EVERTON (1) 2 NORWICH CITY (0) 1
Stuart 42; Rideout 65 — Milligan 80; 23,293

Everton: N Southall, E Barrett, D Watson, D Unsworth, G Ablett, B Horne, J Ebbrell, J Parkinson (sub: V Samways, 25min), A Hinchcliffe, G Stuart, P Rideout. Booked: Hinchcliffe, Samways.

Norwich City: A Marshall, M Bowen, J Newsome, J Polston, R Ullathorne, M Milligan, D Sutch (sub: N Adams, 45), I Crook, A Ward, M Sheron (sub: J Goss, 67), D Eadie. Booked: Polston, Milligan. Referee: A Wilkie.

IPSWICH TOWN (0) 0 CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 2
15,570 — Dowie 55; Gordon 86 (pen)

Ipswich Town: C Forrest, F Yallop, J Wark, A Vaughan, N Thompson, A Tanner, G Williams (sub: C Thomsen, 78min), S Sedgley, G Johnson (sub: A Paz, 66), S Slater, L Chapman. Booked: Tanner.

Crystal Palace: N Martyn, D Patterson, R Shaw, C Coleman, D Gordon, G Southgate, D Pitcher, R Newman, J Salako, C Armstrong (sub: B Bowry, 77), I Dowie. Booked: Patterson, Newman, Dowie. Sent off: Newman, 74. Referee: S Lodge.

LEICESTER CITY (1) 1 WEST HAM UTD (2) 2
Robins 45; 20,375 — Cottee 28; Dicks 43 (pen)

Leicester City: K Poole, R Smith (sub: J Lawrence, 59min), C Hill, N Mohan, S Grayson, M Draper, M Robins, I Roberts, L Philpott, M Galloway, S Thompson. Booked: Galloway.

West Ham United: L Miklosko, T Breacker, J Dicks, S Potts, A Martin, M Allen, J Moncur, A Cottee, D Williamson, D Hutchison (sub: J Boere, 87), M Hughes. Referee: J Worrall.

MANCHESTER UTD (1) 1 ASTON VILLA (0) 0
Cole 18 — 43,795

Manchester United: P Schmeichel, G Neville (sub: D May, 64min), D Irwin, S Bruce, L Sharpe, G Pallister, P Scholes, P Ince, B McClair, A Cole, R Giggs (sub: A Kanchelskis, 44). Booked: Ince.

Aston Villa: M Bosnich, G Charles, S Staunton, S Teale, P McGrath, B Small, D Yorke (sub: R Houghton, 61), J Fashanu (sub: T Johnson, 43), D Saunders, I Taylor, A Townsend. Booked: McGrath. Referee: D Elleray.

NOTTM FOREST (1) 1 LIVERPOOL (0) 1
Collymore 10; 25,418 — Fowler 89

Nottingham Forest: M Crossley, D Lyttle, C Cooper, S Chettle, D Phillips, S Gemmill, S Collymore, S Stone, I Woan, A I Haaland, B Roy (sub: J Lee, 88min). Booked: Phillips, Woan.

Liverpool: D James, R Jones, D Matteo (sub: M Walters, 80), J Scales, P Babb, S McManaman, J Redknapp (sub: M Thomas, 73), I Rush, J Barnes, R Fowler, N Ruddock. Sent off: Babb, 52. Referee: G Willard.

QPR (3) 3 NEWCASTLE UTD (0) 0
Ferdinand 4, 7; Barker 18 — 16,576

Queens Park Rangers: A Roberts, D Bardsley, D Maddix, R Brevett, A McDonald, A Impey, I Holloway, S Barker, L Ferdinand (sub: D Dichio, 89min), K Gallen, T Sinclair. Booked: Brevett, Barker.

Newcastle United: M Hooper, P Bracewell, R Lee, P Beardsley, L Clark, M Hottiger, K Gillespie, S Watson, A Neilson, R Elliott, P Kitson (sub: A Mathie, 52). Booked: Elliott. Referee: K Cooper (Pontypridd).

SHEFFIELD WED (2) 3 ARSENAL (1) 1
Petrescu 8; Ingesson 25; Bright 90 — Linighan 3; 23,468

Sheffield Wednesday: K Pressman, P Atherton, I Nolan, D Petrescu, C Waddle, M Bright, A Pearce, C Bart-Williams (sub: G Whittingham, 85min), G Hyde, D Walker (sub: J Sheridan, 64), K Ingesson. Booked: Bright, Pearce.

Arsenal: D Seaman, L Dixon, N Winterburn, A Linighan, A Adams, K Campbell, P Merson, J Hartson, J Jensen (sub: M Keown, 45), I Selley (sub: R Parlour, 85), C Kiwomya. Booked: Linighan. Sent off: Adams 53, Hartson 79. Referee: K Burge.

SOUTHAMPTON (1) 2 MANCHESTER CITY (1) 2
Coton (og) 24; Le Tissier 60 — Kernaghan 30; Flitcroft 88; 14,902

Southampton: B Grobbelaar, J Kenna, S Charlton, F Benali, J Magilton, R Hall, M Le Tissier, J Dodd, N Shipperley, N Maddison, N Heaney.

Manchester City: A Coton (sub: A Dibble, 45min), N Summerbee, D Brightwell, M Vonk (sub: M Gaudino, 62), K Curle, A Kernaghan, I Brightwell, P Walsh, U Rösler, G Flitcroft, P Beagrie. Referee: P Durkin.

WIMBLEDON (0) 0 LEEDS UNITED (0) 0
10,211

Wimbledon: H Segers, W Barton, R Earle, E Ekoku (sub: G Blissett, 81min), G Elkins, A Reeves, M Harford (sub: J Goodman, 81), A Thorn, D Leonhardsen, K Cunningham, V Jones.

Leeds United: J Lukic, G Kelly, A Dorigo, C Palmer, B Deane, G McAllister, J Pemberton, D White, N Worthington, P Masinga, L Radebe. Booked: Pemberton. Referee: G Ashby.

Yesterday

TOTTENHAM (1) 3 BLACKBURN RVRS (0) 1
Klinsmann 18; Anderton 30; Barmby 80 — Sherwood 47; 28,124

Tottenham Hotspur: I Walker, J Edinburgh, G Popescu, C Calderwood, G Mabbutt, N Barmby (sub: S Nethercott, 85min), D Anderton, E Sheringham, D Howells, J Klinsmann, S Campbell. Booked: Howells.

Blackburn Rovers: B Mimms, A Wright, T Sherwood, C Hendry, S Ripley (sub: M Newell, 62min), A Shearer, J Wilcox (sub: M Atkins, 85), C Sutton, H Berg, P Warhurst, I Pearce. Booked: Newell. Referee: M Bodenham.



Fowler: late equaliser

GOALSCORERS

	Lge	Cup	Euro	Total
Shearer (Blackburn)	24	2	1	27
Fowler (Liverpool)	21	2	0	23
Ward (Norwich) (17 for Crewe)	13	5	0	22
Sutton (Blackburn)	14	5	1	20
Wright (Arsenal)	12	3	5	20
Klinsmann (Tottenham)	13	6	0	19
Le Tissier (Southampton)	13	6	0	19
Ferdinand (QPR)	14	2	0	16
Cole (Manchester Utd) (15 for Newcastle)	10	2	4	16

TOP STRIKERS

OVER the past three seasons, three strikers have dominated the goalscoring statistics at the highest level of English football — Alan Shearer, Andy Cole and Ian Wright. Shearer has been a consistent source of goals for Blackburn Rovers, fuelling their rise to prominence, although he scored less than a quarter of the total number of Blackburn goals in the 1992-93 season; he was out for half that campaign with injury. He scored around half of his club's total in 1993-4 and thus far in 1994-95.

Cole is only proven over the 1993-94 season, where he netted more than one third of Newcastle United's tally, and his sale to Manchester United may in goal terms prove costly. Ian Wright's contribution is between one third and one half of Arsenal's tally, but the team's reliance on him is clear when that tally is compared to Blackburn and Newcastle: it is far less. Wright has a superior cup record than the other two — 34 goals in 37 games played — a pointer to his team's cup success

	P	Goal		P	Goal
1992/93					
Blackburn (Lge 4th)	42	68	Shearer	21	16
Blackburn (Cups)	12	22	Shearer	5	6
1993/94					
Blackburn (Lge 2nd)	42	63	Shearer	40	31
Blackburn (Cups)	9	11	Shearer	6	3
1994/95					
Blackburn (Lge 1st)	27	58	Shearer	27	24
Blackburn (Cups) *	3	10	Shearer	7	3

	P	Goal		P	Goal
1992/93					
Arsenal (Lge 10th)	42	40	Wright	31	15
Arsenal (Cups)	17	33	Wright	15	15
1993/94					
Arsenal (Lge 4th)	42	53	Wright	39	23
Arsenal (Cups) *	16	30	Wright	13	11
1994/95					
Arsenal (Lge 11th)	27	30	Wright	19	12
Arsenal (Cups) *	12	21	Wright	9	8

	P	Goal		P	Goal
1992/93					
Newcastle (D1, 1st)	46	92	Cole	12	12
Newcastle (Cups)	Cole ineligible having played for Bristol City				
1993/94					
Newcastle (Lge 3rd)	42	82	Cole	40	34
Newcastle (Cups)	6	15	Cole	5	7
1994/95					
Newcastle (Lge 3rd)	27	45	Cole	18	10
Newcastle (Cups) *	12	25	Cole	9	6

* denotes European competition

F.A. CARLING PREMIERSHIP

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Blackburn	27	11	1	1	39	13	7	4	3	19	11	59	+34
2 Man Utd	27	12	1	1	27	3	5	5	3	21	18	57	+27
3 Newcastle	27	8	5	0	28	11	5	4	5	17	18	48	+16
4 Liverpool	26	8	4	1	24	6	5	4	4	21	15	47	+24
5 Nottm For	27	7	4	3	22	14	6	3	4	18	15	46	+11
6 Tottenham	26	6	3	4	22	18	6	3	4	22	19	42	+7
7 Leeds	26	7	4	2	20	11	3	5	5	14	17	39	+6
8 Sheff Wed	27	5	6	3	18	13	5	3	5	18	20	39	+3
9 Wimbledon	26	7	2	4	18	17	3	4	6	13	23	36	-9
10 Norwich	26	7	4	2	19	12	2	3	8	6	17	34	-4
11 Arsenal	27	3	6	4	15	15	5	3	6	15	16	33	-1
12 Chelsea	26	4	4	5	19	14	4	4	5	15	23	32	-3
13 Man City	26	5	5	3	27	17	3	3	7	8	24	32	-6
14 Aston Villa	27	4	6	3	13	11	3	4	7	19	25	31	-4
15 Soton	26	4	5	4	18	18	2	7	4	19	24	30	-5
16 C Palace	27	3	4	6	9	13	4	5	5	12	13	30	-4
17 QPR	25	6	2	4	23	18	2	4	7	15	26	30	-6
18 Everton	27	6	5	3	23	17	1	4	8	4	19	30	-9
19 West Ham	26	6	2	5	14	12	2	2	9	10	21	28	-9
20 Coventry	27	4	5	5	12	18	2	5	6	13	27	28	-20
21 Ipswich	27	3	2	9	19	27	2	3	8	10	28	20	-26
22 Leicester	26	3	4	6	16	19	1	2	10	8	26	18	-21

Endsleigh Insurance League

FIRST DIVISION

BOLTON WDRS (2) 5 WOLVERHAMPTON (1) 1
Sneekes 9; Coleman 37; Phillips 60; Coyle 78; Thompson 83 — Goodman 26; 16,964

BRISTOL CITY (0) 3 BARNSLEY (0) 2
Dryden 53; Bryant 66; Allison 83 — Rammell 47; Wilson 86; 6,408

BURNLEY (0) 1 SWINDON TOWN (1) 2
Harrison 85; 10,960 — Thorne 43, 72

DERBY COUNTY (1) 2 SHEFFIELD UNITED (1) 3
Williams 24; Kavanagh 62; 15,882 — Veart 8, 85; Whitehouse 54

LUTON TOWN (1) 2 OLDHAM ATHLETIC (0) 1
Marshall 1, 80; 6,903 — Holden 75

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0 READING (0) 1
17,982 — Holsgrove 52

MILLWALL (1) 2 GRIMSBY TOWN (0) 0
Kennedy 13; Roberts 75 — 7,397

SOUTHEND UNITED (0) 0 WATFORD (3) 4
4,914 — Bazeley 15, 30, 35; Ramage (pen) 88

STOKE CITY (0) 0 PORTSMOUTH (0) 2
9,704 — Radosljevic 53; Creaney 90

SUNDERLAND (1) 1 PORT VALE (1) 1
Ball 24; 13,377 — Naylor 36

TRANMERE ROVERS (1) 3 NOTTS COUNTY (0) 2
Malkin 23, 58; Morrissey 65; 6,105 — Legg 69; Devlin (pen) 77

Yesterday

WEST BROMWICH (0) 0 CHARLTON ATH (0) 1
12,084 — Nelson 56

SECOND DIVISION

BIRMINGHAM CITY (0) 1 STOCKPORT CO (0) 0
Dinning (og) 80 — 17,160

BRADFORD CITY (1) 1 SHREWSBURY TN (0) 1
Jacobs 12; 4,817 — Spink 78

BRIGHTON (0) 1 BRENTFORD (1) 1
Bates (og) 50; 9,499 — Bailey 17

CAMBRIDGE UTD (0) 1 CREWE (0) 2
Corazzin 78; 3,339 — Murphy 46; Collins 64

CHESTER CITY (3) 4 ROTHERHAM UTD (2) 4
Hackett 13; Rimmer 24; Milner 42; Preece 57 — Monington 22; McGlashan 29, 64; Wilder 83; 1,794

HUDDERSFIELD TN (0) 1 BRISTOL ROVERS (1) 1
Booth 46; 10,389 — Sterling 30

HULL CITY (2) 4 CARDIFF CITY (0) 0
Ormondroyd 28, 43; Brown 49; Joyce 88 — 3,903

LEYTON ORIENT (2) 4 PETERBOROUGH (0) 1
Warren 17, 35, 66; West 80 — Ebdon 65; 3,447

OXFORD UTD (0) 0 BOURNEMOUTH (2) 3
5,473 — Jones 22, 67; Fletcher 24

PLYMOUTH ARGYLE (1) 1 YORK CITY (0) 2
Skinner 45; 5,572 — Baker 70; Naylor 82

SWANSEA CITY (0) 0 WREXHAM (0) 0
4,563

WYCOMBE (1) 1 BLACKPOOL (0) 1
De Souza 7; 6,380 — Quinn 47

THIRD DIVISION

BARNET (0) 2 DARLINGTON (2) 3
Walker 51; Cooper 61; 2,034 — Worboys 17, 49; Gaughan 35

DONCASTER RVRS (0) 0 CARLISLE UTD (0) 0
3,587

FULHAM (0) 1 BURY (0) 0
Thomas 52 — 3,941

GILLINGHAM (0) 0 LINCOLN CITY (0) 0
4,196

HEREFORD UTD (1) 2 NORTHAMPTON (1) 1
Lloyd 25; White 63 — Grayson 2; 2,365

PRESTON NE (0) 0 CHESTERFIELD (0) 0
8,544

ROCHDALE (1) 1 HARTLEPOOL (0) 0
Deary 44 — 1,848

SCARBOROUGH (0) 0 EXETER CITY (1) 2
1,512 — Anderson 15; Pears 74

SCUNTHORPE UTD (3) 3 COLCHESTER UTD (2) 4
Eyre 4, 18; Bullimore 16; 2,748 — Locke 25; English 28; Thompson 80, 84

WALSALL (0) 1 MANSFIELD TOWN (0) 0
Wilson 81 — 4,369

WIGAN ATHLETIC (0) 1 TORQUAY UNITED (1) 1
Miller 85; 1,609 — Sturridge 34

SENDINGS OFF

Third division: Daws (Bury), 85; Burns (Northampton), 90; Boothroyd (Mansfield), 85.

GOALSCORERS

First division: 23 Fjortoft (Swindon). 19 Aldridge (Tranmere) 17 Whyte (Charlton). 16 Malkin (Tranmere). 15 Hendrie (Middlesbrough); McGinlay (Bolton); Creaney (Portsmouth). 14 Foyle (Port Vale). 13 McCarthy (Oldham); Gray (Sunderland); Kelly (Wolverhampton); Scott (Stoke, 12 for Swindon).

Second division: 28 Bennett (Wrexham). 21 Stewart (Bristol Rovers). 20 Booth (Huddersfield) 19 Moody (Oxford United). 18 Forster (Brentford); Goater (Rotherham). 17 Corazzin (Cambridge United); Taylor (Brentford). 16 Jepson (Huddersfield). 15 Barnes (York), Stant (Cardiff); Butler (Cambridge United)

Third division: 18 Reeves (Carlisle). 17 Freedman (Barnet). 16 Wilkinson (Mansfield); Lightbourne (Walsall) 14 Carter (Bury) 13 White (Hereford). 12 Whitehall (Rochdale); Wilson (Walsall). 11 Hadley (Mansfield); Whitton (Colchester); Cooper (Barnet)

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Bolton	29	11	3	1	33	10	3	5	6	16	21	50	49
2 Tranmere	29	12	2	1	37	16	2	5	7	9	17	49	46
3 Middlesbro	28	9	2	3	24	11	5	5	4	17	15	49	41
4 Wolves	28	10	2	2	29	13	4	3	7	21	26	47	50
5 Reading	29	5	6	3	15	11	8	2	5	19	16	47	34
6 Sheffield U	29	8	4	2	24	11	4	5	6	23	22	45	47
7 Watford	29	7	6	1	19	11	4	5	6	14	17	44	33
8 Grimsby	29	8	4	2	25	14	2	7	6	17	26	41	42
9 Barnsley	27	9	3	2	24	12	3	2	8	10	22	41	34
10 Luton	28	4	3	7	19	20	7	4	3	19	15	40	38
11 Millwall	28	7	5	2	24	14	3	5	6	12	18	40	36
12 Derby	28	6	5	3	20	12	4	4	6	15	18	39	35
13 Oldham	29	7	5	2	23	13	3	3	9	16	25	38	39
14 Charlton	28	5	4	5	23	20	4	5	5	19	25	36	42
15 Southend	29	8	2	5	17	15	2	3	9	12	37	35	29
16 Stoke	27	6	4	4	21	13	3	4	6	7	20	35	28
17 West Brom	29	8	2	4	14	10	1	5	9	11	25	34	25
18 Portsmouth	29	4	5	5	16	17	4	4	7	14	24	33	30
19 Swindon	27	6	5	3	21	18	2	3	8	15	25	32	36
20 Port Vale	27	6	3	4	19	14	2	5	7	14	22	32	33
21 Sunderland	28	2	9	4	14	15	4	5	4	14	13	32	28
22 Bristol City	29	6	4	5	17	19	2	2	10	8	20	30	25
23 Burnley	26	3	5	5	19	19	3	4	6	9	19	27	28
24 Notts Co	29	4	4	6	16	17	2	2	11	14	25	24	30

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Birmingham	26	8	4	1	30	8	7	4	2	18	9	53	48
2 Brentford	28	9	1	4	30	9	7	3	4	25	16	52	55
3 Huddersfld	28	9	3	2	25	14	5	6	3	24	19	51	49
4 Crewe	27	9	1	3	30	18	6	3	5	24	28	49	54
5 Wycombe	26	7	5	1	19	10	7	2	4	19	18	49	38
6 Oxford Utd	27	8	2	3	18	14	6	3	5	26	21	47	44
7 Hull	28	9	2	4	31	15	4	4	5	16	23	45	47
8 Blackpool	28	9	1	4	30	20	4	3	7	17	27	43	47
9 Bristol R	24	8	5	0	32	14	3	5	3	10	8	43	42
10 Stockport	27	8	1	5	24	16	5	2	6	17	19	42	41
11 York	26	7	2	3	22	12	5	3	6	16	14	41	38
12 Bradford	27	5	4	5	17	18	6	3	4	19	19	40	36
13 Wrexham	24	7	3	2	26	14	3	5	4	16	18	38	42
14 Swansea	26	5	6	2	13	7	4	5	4	19	19	38	32
15 Rotherham	27	8	2	3	23	15	1	5	8	12	20	34	35
16 Peterboro	27	2	7	4	15	22	5	4	5	18	26	32	33
17 Brighton	26	5	6	2	14	9	2	4	7	13	25	31	27
18 Cambridge	29	6	5	4	27	22	1	4	9	12	31	30	39
19 Shrewsbury	27	5	4	4	20	16	2	3	9	13	20	28	33
20 Plymouth	28	3	3	7	13	26	3	2	8	13	29	23	26
21 Bournemth	29	3	3	8	14	26	2	4	9	14	28	22	28
22 Cardiff	28	2	4	8	13	18	3	2	9	14	28	21	[illegible]
23 L Orient	27	5	4	4	15	11	0	1	13	7	31	20	22
24 Chester	28	3	4	8	17	32	0	2	11	4	22	15	21

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Gls
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Carlisle	27	9	4	0	23	6	9	4	1	25	11	62	48
2 Walsall	24	9	1	2	26	11	4	6	2	17	13	46	43
3 Chesterfield	26	7	4	2	14	6	6	3	4	21	20	46	35
4 Doncaster	27	7	4	2	20	9	5	4	5	14	12	44	34
5 Bury	23	7	5	1	18	8	5	1	4	14	9	42	32
6 Scunthorpe	27	7	2	5	29	19	5	3	5	19	19	41	48
7 Preston	27	8	1	4	21	11	4	4	6	13	16	41	34
8 Mansfield	27	6	2	5	26	17	6	2	6	26	23	40	52
9 Colchester	26	5	4	5	19	22	6	3	3	18	16	40	37
10 Barnet	25	5	4	3	22	15	6	2	5	11	18	39	33
11 Torquay	27	7	5	2	24	17	3	3	7	13	19	38	37
12 Fulham	27	5	4	4	19	14	4	7	3	13	17	38	32
13 Rochdale	26	6	3	4	18	16	3	3	7	15	32	33	33
14 Darlington	25	5	3	5	18	16	4	3	5	13	15	33	31
15 Lincoln	25	7	4	2	21	12	2	2	8	9	16	33	30
16 Wigan	25	3	4	5	18	18	4	2	7	16	22	27	34
17 Exeter	25	5	3	4	16	18	2	2	9	4	20	26	20
18 Hereford	27	4	3	6	11	15	2	4	8	20	35	25	31
19 Hartlepool	25	5	2	7	17	24	1	4	6	6	15	24	23
20 Gillingham	24	4	4	4	14	12	1	2	9	11	23	21	25
21 Northamptn	26	3	3	7	11	17	1	6	6	10	18	21	21
22 Scarboro	25	1	3	7	11	20	3	2	9	15	27	17	26

BELL'S LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

PREMIER DIVISION

FALKIRK (1) 2 HEARTS (0) 0
Fulton 30; Henderson 87 — 6,026

HIBERNIAN (1) 1 PARTICK THISTLE (1) 2
McGinlay 18; 7,747 — Turner 34; McDonald 69

KILMARNOCK (2) 3 ABERDEEN (1) 1
Maskrey 27; Brown 34; Roberts 88 — McKimmie 4; 9,384

MOTHERWELL (0) 1 CELTIC (0) 0
McKinnon (pen) 84 — 10,771

RANGERS (1) 1 DUNDEE UNITED (1) 1
Robertson 28; 44,197 — Nixon 23

FIRST DIVISION

CLYDEBANK (0) 0 ST JOHNSTONE (0) 0
1,121

DUNDEE (1) 2 DUNFERMLINE (2) 3
Tosh 29; Britton 50; 5,896 — Smith (pen) 10, 39; Flemming 72

HAMILTON (2) 2 ST MIRREN (0) 0
Clark 20; Duffield 37 — 1,534

RAITH ROVERS (1) 2 AYR UNITED (0) 1
Sinclair 20; Crawford 71 — Moore 64; 2,799

STRANRAER (0) 1 AIRDRIE (2) 4
Sloan 62; 710 — Smith 18; Lawrence 35, 80; Hay 49

SECOND DIVISION

BERWICK RANGERS (1) 1 DUMBARTON (0) 2
Neil 25; 508 — Gibson 75; Meechan 89

EAST FIFE (1) 1 CLYDE (1) 3
Cusack 6; 947 — Angus (pen) 30; O'Neill 50; Parks 59

G MORTON (1) 1 BRECHIN CITY (0) 0
McEwan 15 — 1,464

MEADOWBANK (0) 1 QUEEN OF SOUTH (1) 2
Hame 53; 265 — Campbell 21; Mallan 73

STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 0 STIRLING ALBION (1) 2
1,000 — McInnes 32; Watters 90

THIRD DIVISION

ALLOA ATHLETIC (1) 3 ARBROATH (1) 2
Diver 39, 66, 71; 368 — Pew 36; Brock 80

CALEY THISTLE (0) 1 FORFAR ATHLETIC (1) 1
Scott 72; 700 — Bingham 4

MONTROSE (0) 1 ROSS COUNTY (1) 1
McGlashan (pen) 56; 892 — Grant (pen) 27

QUEEN'S PARK (0) 1 COWDENBEATH (0) 0
Caven 60 — 527

SENDINGS OFF

First division: Pageaud (Dundee), 10. Second division: Scott (East Fife), 37. Third division: Brennan (Caley Thistle), 57.

PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Rangers	24	8	3	1	19	6	7	3	2	24	13	51	+24
2 Hibernian	24	7	5	1	30	14	1	7	3	4	9	36	+11
3 Motherwell	24	5	5	3	20	17	4	4	3	16	19	36	0
4 Celtic	24	4	6	2	14	12	2	8	2	10	9	32	+3
5 Hearts	24	7	2	2	18	6	2	2	9	12	27	31	-3
6 Kilmarnock	24	6	3	3	16	10	1	5	6	13	22	29	-3
7 Falkirk	24	4	3	5	16	19	2	6	4	15	18	27	-6
8 Dundee Utd	23	4	5	2	19	13	2	3	7	10	24	26	-8
9 Aberdeen	24	4	6	2	18	12	1	3	8	10	20	24	-4
10 Partick	23	2	5	4	13	15	3	2	7	10	22	22	-14

FIRST DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Dundee	24	8	3	2	26	12	6	2	3	18	14	47	+18
2 Dunfermline	24	8	1	2	24	6	4	7	2	21	18	44	+21
3 Airdrie	24	5	6	1	17	6	7	2	3	22	16	44	+17
4 Raith	24	7	5	1	24	15	5	3	3	16	10	44	+15
5 St Johnstn	24	6	4	1	24	10	3	6	4	15	18	37	+11
6 Hamilton	24	7	2	3	19	14	2	4	6	7	17	33	-5
7 Clydebank	24	3	4	6	14	16	1	5	5	6	14	21	-10
8 St Mirren	24	3	4	4	11	12	0	6	7	8	25	19	-18
9 Ayr	24	3	5	4	16	19	0	3	9	5	25	17	-23
10 Stranraer	24	3	4	5	12	16	1	0	11	8	30	16	-26

SECOND DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Stenhsmuir	22	5	6	1	14	8	5	3	2	14	11	39	+9
2 Dumbarton	22	7	2	2	23	10	3	3	5	10	15	35	+8
3 G Morton	22	7	3	1	19	7	3	2	6	9	14	35	+7
4 Berwick	22	8	2	1	16	8	2	2	7	18	25	34	+1
5 Clyde	22	4	4	3	21	15	5	2	4	15	13	33	+8
6 Stirling	22	5	1	4	16	10	5	2	5	15	17	33	+4
7 East Fife	22	6	1	5	25	19	3	3	4	7	15	31	-2
8 Queen of S	22	3	2	5	14	14	4	4	4	13	17	27	-4
9 Meadowbnk	22	4	2	5	11	10	3	2	6	15	19	22	-3
10 Brechin	22	3	1	7	12	19	1	1	9	4	25	14	-28

Meadowbank deducted 3 points

THIRD DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt	Goal diff
		HOME					AWAY						
1 Forfar	22	8	2	0	20	7	5	2	5	12	14	43	+11
2 Ross Co	22	5	1	4	20	17	6	4	2	16	8	38	+9
3 Alloa	21	4	3	4	14	15	6	3	1	20	11	36	+8
4 Montrose	19	6	2	3	20	11	4	3	1	13	7	35	+15
5 Cowdenbth	22	3	4	3	15	15	7	1	4	21	12	35	+9
6 East Stirling	19	5	1	4	17	13	5	2	2	19	13	33	+10
7 Caley This	21	3	5	2	17	18	4	2	5	14	18	28	-5
8 Queen's Pk	22	4	2	6	14	19	2	2	6	13	19	22	-11
9 Arbroath	22	0	3	8	3	17	3	1	7	19	27	13	-22
10 Albion	20	1	0	9	8	22	1	3	6	7	19	9	-26

EUROPEAN RESULTS



St Leu celebrate their French Cup second-round home victory over Nantes, the first division leaders, on Saturday. St Leu won 4-2 on penalties after a 1-1 draw

DUTCH LEAGUE: Roda JC Kerkrade 5 Vitesse Arnhem 0, SC Heerenveen 4 Volendam 0; Willem II Tilburg 1 MVV Maastricht 0 Dordrecht '90 0 PSV Eindhoven 2, Ajax 3 NAC Breda 1; Sparta Rotterdam 5 RKC Waalwijk 2

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Ajax	19	14	5	0	51	15	33
Roda JC	19	12	6	1	38	14	30
T Enschede	18	10	6	2	43	29	26
PSV Eindhoven	19	10	5	4	46	28	25
Feyenoord	17	10	3	4	37	27	23
Heerenveen	19	10	3	6	33	31	23
Willem II Tilburg	20	9	5	6	29	33	23
Vitesse Arnhem	19	7	7	5	28	28	21
Volendam	19	5	8	6	23	25	18
MVV Maastricht	19	6	4	9	26	35	16
Sparta	20	6	4	10	30	33	16
Groningen	18	5	5	8	25	31	15
Utrecht	18	5	5	8	21	30	15
NAC Breda	19	4	7	8	27	33	15
NEC Nijmegen	19	5	4	10	29	36	14
RKC Waalwijk	19	4	5	10	25	35	13
GA Eagles	18	1	6	11	14	45	8
Dordrecht 90	20	0	6	14	15	44	6

SPANISH LEAGUE: Deportivo La Coruña 0 Athletic Bilbao 0.

PORTUGESE LEAGUE: Gil Vicente 3 Sporting Braga 2; Farense 1 Boavista 0; Benfica 3 União Madeira 1. FC Porto 3 Beira Mar 0; Vitória Guimarães 3 Salgueiros 1; Desportivo Chaves 0 Tirsense 0; Leiria 1 Vitória Setúbal 0

BELGIAN LEAGUE: RWD Molenbeek 1 St Trond 0; Standard Liège 2 RSC Charleroi 0, Lommel 1 Beveren 1; AA Ghent 2 Royal Antwerp 1 Lierse 1 Anderlecht 8; FC Liège 2 Aalst 3; Germinal Ekeren 3 Seraing 1; Cercle Bruges 0 Bruges 4; Ostend 1, Mechelen 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Standard Liège	21	13	5	3	34	17	31
FC Bruges	20	13	4	3	50	19	30
Anderlecht	19	13	4	2	48	20	30
Aalst	20	9	4	7	42	40	22
Lierse	19	9	3	7	32	34	21
Seraing	21	7	7	7	33	27	21
Molenbeek	21	7	7	7	23	25	21
Mechelen	21	8	4	9	28	28	20
Ekeren	19	7	6	6	38	36	20
Lommel	20	7	6	7	24	24	20
St Trond	21	6	8	7	21	25	20
Beveren	21	6	7	8	25	31	19
Charleroi	21	6	7	8	20	29	19
Antwerp	21	7	4	10	32	53	18
Ghent	19	7	3	9	26	34	17
Cercle Bruges	21	6	5	10	26	36	17
Ostend	21	3	5	13	21	51	11
FC Liège	20	2	5	13	24	48	9

FRENCH CUP: Second round: Bastia 3 Cannes 0; Strasbourg 1 Lille 0, Cherbourg 1 Beauvais 3: Aubervilliers 0 Montpellier 1, Noisy-le-Sec 2 Metz 2 (Metz won on pens); St Leu 1 Nantes 1 (St Leu won on pens). Auxerre 0 Lens 0 (Auxerre won on pens): Fecamp 2 Chateauroux 3; Nice 0 Marseilles 1, Lyons 1 Angers 3; Poitiers 2 AS Monaco 1, Thouars 1 Le Havre 2; Nancy 2 St Brieuc 1; Martigues 0 Paris Saint-Germain 1, Mont-de-Marsan 1 Bordeaux 2; St Lo 1 Mulhouse 1 (Mulhouse won on pens).

NON-LEAGUE AND NATIONAL LEAGUES

UNIBOND

Premier division: Barrow 1 Frickley 2; Boston 1 Emley 2; Chorley 1 Hyde 0; Droylsden 1 Bishop Auckland 4; Horwich 0 Colwyn Bay 1; Knowsley 1 Buxton 3; Marine 1 Guiseley 1, Morecambe 3 Accrington Stanley 0, Spennymoor 2 Witton 1; Whitley Bay 0 Matlock 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Marine	31	22	7	2	62	22	73
Morecambe	29	20	5	4	68	27	65
Guiseley	28	18	7	3	64	37	61
Witton	30	11	12	7	40	36	45
Boston Utd	28	12	8	8	48	30	44
Gainsborough	28	12	8	8	52	39	44
Hyde	26	12	8	6	44	34	42
Spennymoor	27	12	6	9	41	35	42
B Auckland	27	12	5	10	47	33	41
Colwyn Bay	26	12	3	11	54	52	39
Buxton	30	11	8	13	42	44	39
Barrow	27	12	2	13	45	46	38
Emley	28	9	9	10	43	47	36
Winsford	29	8	8	13	41	50	32
Chorley	29	9	5	15	44	61	32
Knowsley	27	7	9	11	40	45	30
A Stanley	27	7	8	12	29	51	29
Horwich	31	8	4	19	42	58	28
Frickley	26	6	8	12	32	48	26
Matlock	24	7	2	15	28	46	23
Droylsden	27	6	5	16	34	66	23
Whitley Bay	31	5	7	19	34	67	22

First division: Alfreton 0 Ashton 0; Caernarfon 0 Bamber Bridge 2; Congleton 1 Atherton LR 2; Eastwood 1 Blyth Spartans 0, Great Harwood 1 Warrington 3; Gretna 1 Fleetwood 2, Harrogate 3 Curzon Ashton 0; Netherfield 4 Farsley Celtic 2; Radcliffe 2 Goole 0; Workington 1 Mossley 2, Worksop 0 Lancaster 2.

BEAZER HOMES

Premier division: Atherstone 1 Hednesford 3, Burton 1 Sudbury 1; Cheltenham 3 Halesowen 0; Corby 1 Chelmsford 4; Dorchester 1 Gresley 1, Gravesend and Northfleet 0 VS Rugby 0; Rushden and Diamonds 5 Sittingbourne 0; Solihull 1 Hastings 3; Trowbridge 1 Cambridge City 2; Worcester 0 Gloucester 1. Postponed: Crawley v Leek.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hednesford	25	18	5	2	62	27	59
Cheltenham	24	15	5	4	56	23	50
Gloucester	25	15	4	6	50	25	49
Dorchester	24	14	4	6	52	33	46
Rushden	24	12	6	6	56	37	42
Leek Town	24	11	7	6	47	31	40
Gresley R	24	11	5	8	45	42	38
Halesowen	27	9	8	10	52	48	35
Burton	22	9	8	5	29	25	35
Cambridge	24	10	5	9	31	34	35
Worcester	25	9	7	9	26	23	34
Gravesend N	22	8	6	8	22	28	30
Chelmsford	22	8	5	9	35	29	29
Sittingbourne	25	7	6	12	27	41	27
VS Rugby	25	6	8	11	26	39	26
Solihull	24	6	8	10	27	41	26
Crawley Town	25	7	4	14	34	53	25
Hastings	20	6	6	8	26	28	24
Atherstone	26	4	9	13	25	43	21
Sudbury Town	23	5	6	12	27	48	21
Trowbridge	22	4	8	10	25	35	20
Corby Town	24	2	4	18	22	69	10

Midland division: Armitage 1 RC Warwick 2; Bedworth 1 Dudley 0; Bilston 3 Nuneaton 0, Bridgnorth 4 Tamworth 2; Buckingham 3 Redditch 1; Hinckley 1 Rothwell 3; King's Lynn 0 Moor Green 2; Leicester 1 Forest Green 1; Newport AFC 4 Evesham 0, Stourbridge 2 Ilkeston 1. Sutton Coldfield 2 Grantham 0 Southern division: Bashley 2 Wealdstone 2; Braintree 3 Fareham 0; Bury 0 Salisbury 3; Clevedon 1 Waterlooville 1; Erith and Belvedere 1 Burnham 0; Margate 1 Newport IOW 2; Tonbridge AFC 0 Baldock 2, Witney 5 Weymouth 3. Postponed: Ashford v Yate; Havant v Weston-super-Mare; Poole v Fisher 93.

DIADORA

Premier division: Aylesbury 4 Wokingham 1; Carshalton 2 Hitchin 4, Chesham first Albans 6, Grays 3 Slough 3; Harrow 2 Bromley 0, Hendon 1 Walton and Hersham 6; Kingstonian 3 Enfield 2, Marlow 0 Dulwich 4. Molesey 0 Hayes 2; Purfleet 3 Bishop's Stortford 3; Yeading 2 Sutton United 1.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Hayes	25	16	7	2	43	20	55
Slough	23	12	7	4	48	33	43
Bromley	25	12	7	6	47	38	43
Enfield	24	11	8	5	51	31	41
Harrow	26	12	4	10	43	40	40
Carshalton	26	12	4	10	46	47	40
Aylesbury	20	12	3	5	44	22	39
St Albans	23	11	6	6	66	51	39
Dulwich	26	11	6	9	48	45	39
Yeading	24	9	8	7	44	41	35
Molesey	24	9	5	10	38	37	32
Purfleet	25	8	8	9	48	51	32
Walton H	22	8	7	7	47	40	31
Grays	26	7	10	9	37	41	31
Hendon	25	7	7	11	33	43	28
Kingstonian	24	7	6	11	36	42	27
Hitchin	22	6	8	8	35	41	26
B Stortford	25	6	8	11	36	56	26
Sutton Utd	25	6	6	13	35	41	24
Chesham	23	6	5	12	37	46	23
Marlow	24	3	7	14	26	53	16
Wokingham	23	4	3	16	23	52	15

First division: Barking 0 Heybridge Swifts 2; Basingstoke 2 Wivenhoe 2; Berkhamsted 0 Staines 0; Billericay 0 Chertsey 2; Bognor Regis 2 Whyteleafe 1, Boreham Wood 1 Wembley 0; Maidenhead 0 Abingdon 2; Newbury 2 Ruislip Manor 2; Tooting and Mitcham 4 Dorking 0; Uxbridge 2 Worthing 1 Second division: Aveley 0 Hampton 0; Banstead 1 Bracknell 3; Barton 3 Leatherhead 0; Chalfont St Peter 3 Windsor and Eton 0. Cheshunt 1 Witham 0, Croydon 2 Tilbury 0; Edgware 1 Saffron Walden 1; Egham 2 Hungerford 1; Hemel Hempstead 1 Thame 3. Postponed: Malden Vale v Ware. Third division: Bedford 2 Leighton 2; Camberley 0 Collier Row 1, Flackwell Heath 2 Northwood 1, Hertford 2 Harefield 3; Hornchurch 2 Tring 0; Horsham 2 Clapton 6, Lewes 0 Harlow 0; Southall 2 Epsom and Ewell 1. Postponed: Cove v East Thurrock.

FA VASE

Fifth round: Arlesey Town 1 Diss 0; Cammell Laird 4 Burscough 2; Canvey Island 3 Stamco 0; Eastwood Hanley 2 Basildon 3, Falmouth 1 Belper 5, Metropolitan Police 4 Hadleigh 1; Raunds 3 St Andrews 0; Taunton 0 Oxford City 3.

NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Arnold 2 Hucknall 1; Ashfield 2 Ossett Albion 2; Brigg 2 Glasshoughton Welfare 2; Hallam 0 Pickering 5; Lincoln 2 Denaby 0; Maltby MW 1 Thackley 1; Ossett Town 2 Armthorpe Welfare 1; Pontefract 1 Sheffield 5, Stocksbridge PS 2 North Ferriby 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Barnstaple 1 Mangotsfield 4; Frome 0 Chippenham 2; Torrington 1 Calne 1; Westbury 2 Bideford 1; Paulton 3 Elmore 6.

JEWSON EASTERN COUNTIES LEAGUE: Premier division: Haverhill 1 Stowmarket 1; Histon 4 Great Yarmouth 2; Newmarket 3 March 3; Soham 2 Cornard 3; Sudbury 5 Lowestoft 1; Walton 2 Tiptree 3; Wisbech 5 Felixstowe 0; Woodbridge 1 Halstead 2. Postponed: Chatteris v Diss.

CARLING NORTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bacup 1 Maine Road 2; Bradford Park Avenue 3 Bootle 0; Chadderton 2 Kidsgrove 1; Glossop North End 1 Clitheroe 0; Nantwich 1 Trafford 1; Prescot 0 Darwen 2; Rossendale 0 Blackpool Rovers 0; Salford 1 Saint Helens 2, Skelmersdale 2 Newcastle 5 Lamot Pils Trophy: Stantondale 1 Formby 2; Tetley Walker 0 Flixton 2.

FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Bedlington 1 Billingham Synthonia 0, Chester Le Street 0 Prudhoe 0; Consett 2 West Auckland 0; Dunston FB 0 Tow Law 3; Ferryhill 0 Northallerton 0; Guisborough 2 Murton 1. Hebburn 0 Whitby 0, Peterlee 3 Eppleton CW 1; Seaham Red Star 0 Durham 3; Shildon 0 RTM Newcastle 0.

SOUTH EAST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Cambridge Utd 4 QPR 0. Fulham 2 Arsenal 1. Gillingham 0 Millwall 2; Ipswich 1 West Ham 2; Leyton Orient 0 Charlton 0. Norwich 1 Portsmouth 0; Southend 0 Watford 1; Chelsea 0 Tottenham 5. Second division: Bournemouth 2 Brentford 2; Bristol City 0 Swindon 3; Colchester 1 Crystal Palace 2; Oxford 2 Brighton 0, Southampton 1 Luton 1; Wimbledon 6 Tottenham 4; Wycombe 1 Bristol Rovers 0.

ESSEX SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE: Premier division: Brentwood 1 Burnham Ramblers 2. Ford 4 Southend Manor 1, Sawbridgeworth 1 East Ham 1. Postponed: Eton Manor v Basildon.

HELLENIC LEAGUE: Premier division: Bicester 5 Highworth 2; Brackley 0 Tuffley 2, Cinderford 4 Abingdon 0: North Leigh 1 Carterton 3; Pegasus Juniors 11 Kintbury 0

HEREWARD SPORTS: United Counties League: First division: Burton PW 1 Ford Sports 3; Cottingham 1 Bugbrooke 4; Harrowby 0 Thrapston 3; Irchester 1 ON Chenecks 2, Olney 4 St Ives 4; St Neots 8 Daventry 0; Shambrook 1 British Timken 1; Whitworths 3 Ramsey 1.

INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Barwell 0 Rocester 1, Boldmere SM 2 Rushall O 0, Chasetown 2 Brierley Hill 1, Halesowen H 3 Stapenhill 1; Knypersley Vic 2 Sandwell Borough 2; Oldbury 3 Pershore 0; Shepshed D 1 Willenhall 1; Shifnal 0 Paget 1, Stratford 1 Bolehall Swifts 0; West Midlands Police 6 Hinckley Athletic 3

SKOL MIDLAND FOOTBALL COMB: Premier division: Highgate 0 Northfield 6; Meir KA 1 Knowle 1; Shirley 2 Alvechurch Villa 2; Studley BKL 0 Bloxwich 4, Upton 0 Ansells 1. Challenge Vase: Archdale 73 1 Continental Star 2, Ledbury 0 Richmond Swifts 5. Challenge Cup: Dudley Sports 2 GPT (Coventry) 0.

MINERVA SOUTH MIDLANDS LEAGUE: Premier division: Hatfield 4 Dunstable Old Boys 0; Letchworth GC 1 Biggleswade 2; Royston 1 Wingate and Finchley 2; Hoddesdon 1 Harpenden 1 Postponed: Langford v Potters Bar.

UNIJET SUSSEX COUNTY LEAGUE: First division: Hailsham 5 Arundel 0; Portfield 1 Crowborough 1; Shoreham 4 Eastbourne 1, Whitehawk 2 Pagham 3. Postponed: East Grinstead v Wick, Langney Sports v Southwick; Oakwood v Newhaven.

WINSTONLEAD KENT LEAGUE: First division: Canterbury 0 Dartford 2; Corinthian 2 Faversham 0; Deal 3 Beckenham 2; Folkestone Invicta 3 Cray 3; Furness 1 Herne Bay 1, Kent Police 0 Chatham 7, Ramsgate 5 Tunbridge Wells 2; Sheppey 4 Greenwich 0; Thamesmead 2 Crockenhill 1; Whitstable 2 Darenth Heathside 2.

JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: AFC Lymington 1 Thatcham 2, Eastleigh 1 East Cowes Vics 4; Fleet 3 Bemerton Heath Harl 0; Horndean 3 Andover 7, Petersfield 2 AFC Totton 2; Swanage and Herston 0 Christchurch 0. Postponed: Aerostructures v Portsmouth RN; Gosport v Brockenhurst; Ryde Sports v Wimborne

LONDON SPARTAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Amersham 1 Corinthian Casuals 3; Barkingside 1 Cockfosters 1; Brook House 0 Brimsdown 1, Tower Hamlets 2 St Margaretsbury 3; Waltham Abbey 0 Hanwell 0. Postponed: Willesden v Walthamstow Pennant; Haringey Borough v Beaconsfield Sycob. Senior challenge cup: Third round: Hillingdon 3 Croydon 5.

BANKS'S BREWERY LEAGUE: Premier division: Bloxwich Strollers 2 Cradley 2; Gornal Athletic 0 Ludlow 0; Manders FC 0 Wednesfield 3. Pelsall Villa 4 Malvern 1, Stafford 0 Blakenall 3. Walsall Wood FC 2 Stourport Swifts 3; Westfields 4 Hill Top Rangers 1

OLD BOYS LEAGUE: Premier division: Clapham 3 Chertsey 2, Aloysians 2 Hamptonians 3. Senior first division: Salvatorians 1 Phoenix 1. Latymer 3 Tiffinians 2; Suttonians 1 Shene 2. Postponed: Kingsburians v Wokingians. Senior second division: Westhamians 5 Camdenians 1; Minchendenians 4 Ignatians 0. Meadonians 1 Vaughanians 5. Southallians 4 Enfield 2; Mill Hill 2 John Fisher 3 Postponed: Manorians v Tollingtonians. Senior third division: Alpertonians 1 Grocers 6. Salvatorians 3 Greenfordians 0: Hamptonians 2 Vaughanians 2. Postponed: Chorleywood v Leyton

SOUTHERN OLYMPIAN LEAGUE: Senior First: Old Grammarians 3 Mill Hill Village 0, Parkfield 0 Witan 2. Postponed: Wandsworth Borough v Southgate County. Senior Second: Hale End 4 Hadley 0; Old Farlopians 4 Old Bealonians 4. Postponed: Corinthian Casuals v Ealing Association. Old Finchleians v Duncombe Sports. Senior Third: BBC 9 London Welsh 0; Old Colleans 2 Brent 1: Pollygons 1 City of London 3.

AFA Senior Cup: Third round: East Barnet OG 3 NatWest Bank 4; Old Chigwellians 1 Southbank 3. Old Farlopians 2 Old Latymerians 2. Old Ignatians 4 Old Esthameians 2, Wake Green 2 St Mary's College 3; Westerns 2 Crouch End Vampires 1

ARTHURIAN LEAGUE: Premier division: Carthusians 3 Malvernians 2. Reptonians 1 Wellingburians 1.

SOUTHERN AMATEUR LEAGUE: Norsemen 0 Old Actonians 3: Winchmore Hill 2 West Wickham 3; Alexandra Park 1 Old Bromleians 1. Kew Association 1 Old Stationers 0, Old Westminster Citizens 4 Polytechnic 2. Alleyn OB 3 Brentham 2. Bank of England 1 Old Lyonian 1; Reigate Priory 0 Barclays Bank 7.

NATIONAL

KONICA LEAGUE OF WALES: Aberystwyth 3 Ton Pentre 1, Bangor City 2 Llansantffraid 1; Connah's Quay 1 Afan Lido 2; Conwy 3 Ebbw Vale 0; Cwmbran 2 Barry 3: Flint Town 0 Rhyl 3. Llanelli 2 Caersws 2. Newtown 4 Mold 0. Porthmadog 1 Holywell 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Bangor City	22	18	2	2	61	16	56
Newtown	22	12	6	4	54	27	42
Ton Pentre	21	13	3	5	47	27	42
Cwmbran	24	13	2	9	41	35	41
Afan Lido	20	11	5	4	31	25	38
Inter Cardiff	21	10	7	4	38	22	37
Llansan'aid	23	11	3	9	43	36	36
Rhyl	24	10	4	10	48	42	34
Barry Town	22	8	8	6	41	37	32
Flint Town	22	10	2	10	43	40	32
Conwy	23	9	5	9	36	37	32
Holywell	21	8	7	6	38	34	31
Caersws	24	8	6	10	40	41	30
Connah's Q	23	8	6	9	35	38	30
Ebbw Vale	22	8	3	11	30	34	27
Porthmadog	22	7	5	10	37	38	26
Mold	24	8	2	14	38	56	26
Aberystwyth	23	2	10	11	31	49	16
Llanelli	25	3	4	18	40	85	13
Maesteg Park	22	1	4	17	14	71	7

WILKINSON SWORD LEAGUE CUP: First round: Ards 3 Dungannon Swifts 3 (Ards won 6-5 on penalties); Ballyclare 3 Queens Univ 2. Ballymena 2 Ballinamallard 0, Ballymoney 2 Carrick 5. Banbridge 1 Crusaders 2; Bangor 2 Cookstown 1; Brantwood 2 Omagh 7; Cliftonville 3 Moyola Park 2. Coleraine 3 H and W Welders 1; Distillery 4 Tobermore 0; Dundela 3 Newry 3 (Newry won 4-2 on penalties); Glenavon 5 Limavady 0; Glentoran 2 Loughall 1; Larne 4 RUC 1; Linfield 5 Chimney Corner 0.

CONFERENCE

BATH CITY (0) 2 KETTERING (0) 0
Birkby 53; Cousins 74 — 689

DAG & RED (0) 0 ALTRINCHAM (0) 4
902 — Reid 60; Shaw (pen) 66; Constable 88; Cockram 90

FARNBOROUGH (0) 0 STAFFORD (0) 0
672

HALIFAX TOWN (1) 4 WOKING (0) 0
Hanson 32, 63; Lancaster 67; Worthington 82 — 1,038

KIDDERMINSTER (0) 3 YEOVIL TOWN (0) 0
Humphreys 54; Davies 64; Forsyth (pen) 85 — 1,622

MACCLESFIELD (1) 2 TELFORD UNITED (0) 0
Wood 14; Power 67 — 1,083

MERTHYR TYDFIL (3) 4 STALYBRIDGE (0) 2
Abraham 20; Webley 42; Mitchell 45; Dyer 68 — Shaughnessy 51, 57; 610

NORTHWICH (2) 3 BROMSGROVE (0) 1
Williams 12; O'Connor 33; Walters 66 — Carter 82; 844

RUNCORN (3) 3 DOVER ATHLETIC (2) 3
Hughes 8; Connor 17; Thomas (pen) 45; 606 — Blewden 9; Lewis 12; Cocilello (pen) 74

STEVENAGE (1) 1 SOUTHPORT (1) 2
Fortune-West 21; 1,347 — Challender 9; Haw 65

	P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
		HOME					AWAY					
1 Macclesfield	27	11	3	2	29	11	7	2	2	22	12	59
2 Southport	29	9	2	3	38	16	6	3	6	13	19	50
3 Altrincham	27	7	1	7	27	22	7	4	1	31	13	47
4 Woking	27	6	5	2	29	18	7	2	5	20	22	46
5 Gateshead	30	8	3	4	20	10	5	3	7	22	30	45
6 Kidderminster	30	6	4	5	23	15	6	4	5	28	28	44
7 Halifax	24	9	2	1	34	9	3	4	5	15	22	42
8 Kettering	28	8	3	3	23	13	4	3	7	16	18	42
9 Farnborough	29	6	3	4	14	15	6	3	7	16	25	42
10 Bromsgrove	29	6	5	3	31	26	5	1	9	17	25	39
11 Stevenage	27	6	2	6	27	21	5	2	6	15	15	37
12 Bath	30	6	3	5	26	24	4	4	8	19	28	37
13 Northwich	26	4	6	4	24	19	4	5	3	22	18	35
14 Telford	25	8	5	0	21	7	1	3	8	11	23	35
15 Runcorn	28	6	5	2	24	19	3	2	10	17	36	34
16 Stalybridge	29	7	1	5	19	19	2	5	9	20	35	33
17 Welling	27	5	2	7	22	27	4	3	6	18	25	32
18 Merthyr	25	7	3	5	28	22	1	3	6	10	21	30
19 Dover	27	3	8	2	15	12	3	4	7	13	21	30
20 Dag & Red	29	4	4	7	16	26	3	4	7	14	26	29
21 Yeovil	28	4	3	7	18	18	2	5	7	13	27	25
22 Stafford	27	2	2	7	17	21	3	6	7	19	35	23

Yeovil deducted one point

POOLS CHECK

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FORECAST: Telephone claims required for 23½ and 24 points. Dividend forecast is a possible jackpot with eight jackpot draws, three high-score draws and seven no-score draws on the coupon.

Exploited, ignored, partisan and resentful: football's diverse followers speak with one voice

Evans finds favour with official silence

Nottingham Forest 1
Liverpool 1

BY PAT GIBSON

AT THE end of a week that saw referees displaying more yellow and red than one would come across at the annual meeting of MCC, Roy Evans set an example to every manager in the FA Carling Premiership on Saturday.

"I've got an opinion," the Liverpool manager said after Phil Babb had become the first player from his club to be sent off this season, "but I'm not going to tell you what it is. Referees have had so much stick recently that I think it's time we let them get on with refereeing and we get on with our side of it.

"The referee has a difficult job and I wouldn't want to do it. He is under the microscope, with cameras covering every incident from every angle, but he sees it once, he makes the decision, and in the end we have to stand by it."

Evans's thoughts were probably tempered by the fact that Babb's dismissal after 55 minutes, for tripping Stone as he sped past him on a clear run to goal, galvanised the previously lackadaisical Liverpool into a much more meaningful second-half performance that was rewarded with an equaliser two minutes into injury time.

Until then, Liverpool had been outpaced and outfought by a vibrant Forest side, especially in midfield, where Barnes looked more like an old professional easing himself through a Sunday morning match with his mates than the England international he still purports to be.

It was Barnes who carelessly gave the ball away before Roy beat James to Woan's pass, to leave Collymore with a simple tap-in at the far post in the eleventh minute. And it was Barnes who clumsily lost possession before Gemmill sent Stone on his fateful run.

In the circumstances, Forest should really have finished Liverpool off to steal a march on their rivals for a place in Europe, but they missed their chances, most notably when Collymore, given a free header six yards out by Roy's perfect cross from the right, ballooned the ball high over the bar.

That will not deter Liverpool from trying to buy Collymore, whose speed and strength, coupled with the silkier skills of the revitalised Roy, always troubled them, even when they had three centre backs on the field. Forest are locked in negotiations to try to secure their most valuable asset on a new, long-term contract, but Evans confirmed: "If Forest do decide to sell, then we've got to be interested, although that's a matter for them and not Liverpool at this stage. It's not for us to go twisting their arms."

Not that Evans is against a bit of arm twisting when it comes to his own players. He had been hinting all week that he might rest Fowler because he had not scored in his previous six games, and the striker, 19, got the message, capping a hard-working performance by slipping in his 23rd goal of the season from McManaman's clever flick.

Frank Clark, the Forest manager, conceded that it was no more than Liverpool — or Forest — deserved. "When you lose a goal in injury time, you obviously feel hard done by," he said, "but I don't think we did well enough over the 90 minutes to deserve to win the game.

"Liverpool did step it up after the lad was sent off — most teams do — but when you are a goal up playing 11 against ten, they are chasing the game, and all you've got to do is be patient and pass the ball around. For some reason, we didn't do that."

NOTTINGHAM FOREST (4-4-2): M Crossley — D Lyttle, C Cooper, S Chettle, D Phillips — S Stone, A I Hasland, S Gemmill, I Woan — B Roy (sub: J Lee, 88min), S Collymore.
LIVERPOOL (3-4-1-2): D James — J Scales, N Ruddock, P Babb — R Jones, J Redknapp (sub: M Thomes, 73), J Barnes, D Matteo (sub: M Walters 80) — S McManaman — R Fowler, I Rush.
Referee: G Willard



Parry, the chief executive of the Premier League, listens intently to the views of Nottingham Forest supporters. They will, he insists, be given every consideration

Forest faithful fan flames of discontent



Rob Hughes on a supporters' platform sending an unpalatable message to the Premier League

Not for the first time, supporters of Nottingham Forest and Liverpool stood together in silence on Saturday. On this occasion, it was to pay respects to the late Sir John Smith, the chairman of Liverpool for 17 years, including the time of the Hillsborough disaster.

Lest it be forgotten, Nottingham folk were compelled to watch the crushing of 96 Liverpool lives on the Leppings Lane terrace in 1989, and remain aware that, but for the administrators, that terrace would have contained Forest instead of Liverpool followers. Yet, a few hours before the match on Saturday, a dozen Forest supporters sat in a circle, giving their views on behalf of their colleagues to the Premier League.

The strongest message that they conveyed is: do not destroy the essential theatre of the English game. Do not presume that the Football Association, or anyone else, has the right to believe that supporters are ready to sacrifice tribal loyalties to help the national team. And do not dilute the effect of rival supporters being allowed to congregate in a stadium, to express their passions and loyalties.

According to Paul Johns, a marketing consultant who has guided panels of 12 supporters from each of the 22 clubs, this message has been consistent. The supporters are volunteers, chosen — in the Nottingham case from 100 applicants — for their diversity of ages, occupations and outlooks. They are the voice of the common supporter, and on Saturday, when *The Times* was invited, along with Rick Parry, the chief executive of the Premier League, to observe the panel in discussion, one was struck by the articulacy and reasonableness of the paying customers to the national sport.

Parry sat silent during the 1½-hour debate. He heard Kevin, unemployed, dismiss the creation of the Premier League as "over-glorified. It's nonsense to say the quality is any better. All that has happened is the cost". Not everyone was as attritional, but certainly cost, the feeling of exploitation, was much on the minds of his colleagues.

It became clear that the supporters feel exploited. The cost of tickets was a prime concern. Bill, long-retired, said: "We are alienating the traditional supporter. It amazes me that there is such inconsistency among the clubs when it comes to concessions in the price for youngsters." The older generation asking for sanity and fairness in encouraging the new.

The same gentleman then named names. He was shocked by the quality of seating offered to away supporters by Aston Villa; he identified some seating at The Dell, Southampton, as dangerous. He felt ripped off by the prices of seats for visiting supporters.

Kevin concurred: "When I go to away games, I always say I'm a home supporter. It's the only way to avoid getting the rough end, the poorest seats." His accent was as thick as the Trent.

Some of the supporters articulated the belief that, had the football authorities listened to the groundswell of feeling years ago, they would — despite the 1989 tragedy — still have made provision for safe terracing. The view was, and is, that supporters instinctively stand at moments of excitement, and this act in itself riles other supporters in seats behind them.

This, however, was not exclusively a male gathering. Three of the chosen panel — Joanne, a receptionist; Jane, a mother, housewife and part-time typist; and Kate, a student — represented women with considerable insight and verbal force.

When the question was put as to whether supporters would prefer an England team, even if that means Scots, Irish and Welsh players being classified as "foreigners", the discussion was led by female voice. They were, to put it mildly, lukewarm about England. There was resentment about new rules that allow Terry Venables, along with every other national team manager, access to club players for five days before internationals. Anyway, England had not lately done much to arouse passionate support.

Fierce indeed is the parochial influence. One had to revise opinions, to believe that the real cause and value of their passion for the game lies in identifying with the team in their colours. "It might be different if Stan Collymore is picked for England," Jane said. Yes, countered another, but even then Wembley is a terrible national stadium, inaccessible and inhospitable.

The club, *their* club, holds them in its embrace because, as Richard, a laboratory technician, explained: "The national team plays five or six times a year — you can't form a relationship with it the way that you do with Forest."

At the end of the formal 90 minutes, in which the views were recorded to add to the dossier that Johns must now prepare for the steering committee of the Premier League, there was a brief open house between Parry and the supporters. Parry got away with admitting his human failing, the fact that he is a Liverpool supporter. After that, he was put on the spot. What will come of this exercise? What can be done about the prices that make a ticket to the game now so discriminating against families and against the young?

"The cost of tickets is in the hands of the clubs," Parry said. "It is a market force situation, and that will continue. But after these panels were held as a pilot study last season, at least nine clubs moved towards some concessions for juniors and pensioners. I guarantee that the views of the panels will be fed into the debate."

That is as far as the promise of one administrator can go. Parry, no matter how genuine his attitude may be, has to present the views, and then carry out the policy of 22 club chairmen, a policy that has 22 sets of ambitions and priorities. But he is bound to carry back to Lancaster Gate the overriding word that supporters will not condone further truncating of the league in the name of improving the England team.

Furthermore, he now knows that the supporters are furious about the standards of behaviour of players; that they feel managers such as Alex Ferguson and Kenny Dalglish are, in the words of one panel member, "terrible role models", and that supporters who still pay some of the wages of the players are sick and tired of saturation. "The game is not special any more," they said. "It's on Sky, on radio, every night. Isn't it time that we looked at the Italian system, which is more balanced and restricts games mainly to the one traditional match day?"

And then, a parting shot. The supporters were asked for their feelings about possible attempts by Uefa, the European governing body, to impose restrictions on the number of foreign players per team. "I'd rather have Bryan Roy than Robert Rosario!" came the retort.

FA investigates bribe

THE Football Association and the police have been asked to investigate claims that Ian Bennett, the Birmingham City goalkeeper, was offered a £20,000 bribe to ensure that his team lost its FA Cup third-round replay against Liverpool at Anfield on January 18.

Barry Fry, the Birmingham manager, confirmed yesterday that an approach was made to Bennett five days before the match by two men describing themselves as journalists from Singapore. The men arrived at the club's training ground and requested an opportunity to interview and photograph Bennett.

"The next moment, Ian came back to me and said that the chaps had told him that they had £20,000 in the car and it was his if he he would throw the game at Anfield," Fry said. "I rushed into the car park to confront the men, but they had gone. I then contacted the FA and let them know what had happened.

"Ian is only 23 and it upset him. I'm glad things worked out the way they did in the replay, otherwise there would have been a lot of finger-pointing." Bennett played superbly in the replay, which was won on penalties by Liverpool, with Birmingham missing four times in the penalty shoot-out.

Graham Kelly, the FA chief executive, said that the police had been informed. "As soon as we heard about this, we called them in," he said.

Voice of Doom strikes killjoy note

Andrew Longmore marvels at the new Murrayfield stadium, but rails against the brooding presence of Scots law which marred enjoyment

YOU would have been forgiven for thinking you had strayed into the High Court in Edinburgh, so often was the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act invoked upon the great and the good at Murrayfield on Saturday.

The Voice of Doom (VoD) boomed forth, like Rumpole, over the loudspeaker, "It is an offence under the Criminal Justice (Scotland) Act to bring alcohol into the grounds of Murrayfield . . ."

And just in case you were wanting to plead incomprehension beneath a Gallic shrug, the forbidding notices were liberally translated into French, too. No *bottes, flacons* or *bouteilles* were allowed entry either. The penalty for transgression, we poor sinners were warned, was a meeting with none other than the Procurator Fiscal himself.

Given that our half-time Sermon on the Mount included a generous plug for the game's sponsors, The Famous Grouse, which, I believe, is a brand of whisky, there was something a trifle incongruous, naïve even, about the prohibition so rigorously enforced by the VoD. Drink merrily, but not here, thank you.

The problem is that anyone who wants a drink — and, let us face it, the five nations' championship is increasingly a social rather than a sporting occasion these days — is banished to the bars outside the ground. The drinkers then leave their entry to the last minute, which causes a great deal of queueing outside and toing and froing inside once the game has begun.

Still, it was a beautiful day and Murrayfield, the new Murrayfield, is a magnificent sight, all concrete buttresses, steel girders and plastic seats, with a genteel air both inside and out. The catering was plentiful, but Eurostandard. I sat underneath the clock tower by the East Stand, eating a cheeseburger and drinking coffee brewed to a lukewarm temperature set down somewhere, no doubt, by the Procurator Fiscal and fell into gentle conversation with an pipe-smoking man from Aberdeen.

He remembered the old Murrayfield, with its massive terrace and 80,000 capacity, when you could turn up and buy a ticket at the gate, but he mourned the passing of Scottish rugby more than the rebuilding of its old home. His priorities were different now, he said. "I can get in and out easily, but the atmosphere is not quite the same as it was. Still, I couldn't stand up for the whole game anymore, not at my age, and the view is first rate."

Not being a veteran of Murrayfield, but a foreigner, a refugee from the British Airways Super Shuttle from London Heathrow, I could not compare old to new.

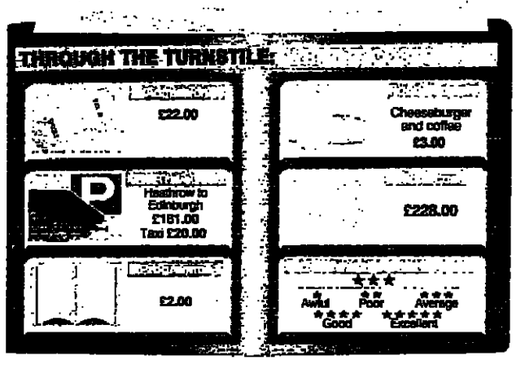
I had a seat — a cosy one where my knees rested on the shoulders of the man in front — in the North Stand which cost £22 and was surprised that the the rising anticipation which is such a feature of matches at the Parc des Princes in Paris, began and ended with a lusty rendering of Flower of Scotland. The rest was no more animated than the chatter of a West End theatre crowd before curtain-rise.

Apprehension after nine defeats in the last ten internationals might have led to the subdued spirit. If so, it was justified. Scotland's early play was of such dubious stock, all 15 should have been hauled before the Procurator Fiscal well before half-time.

But the crack was good, strangers turning to each other for support, mirth masking embarrassment. "He must have somebody else's boots on today," as Chalmers sliced another kick into touch. "Is he waiting for the photograph?" as Jardine dithered hopelessly in midfield. Even Gavin the Great was not spared, record 53rd cap or not.

Just as swiftly, Scotland scored a try, the game changed and for all my gesticulating at the notice in the programme which told spectators "not to stand up during play" ("not to smoke" and "not to whistle or make other noises during goal kicks" were the other commandments) everyone stood up. Quite right, too.

They obeyed the other two edicts, apart from a musical watch which played Auld Lang Syne whenever Burke missed a penalty, more or less. By full time, Scotland were world beaters once more, Gavin the Great was no longer too old and Murrayfield was rocking. Fearful of missing the 5pm shuttle home, I sped out five minutes early, half-expecting to hear the VoD questioning my departure: "And where do you think you're going?"



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Jodami, left, comes to deliver a decisive challenge to Merry Gale in the Hennessy Cognac Irish Gold Cup at Leopardstown

Jodami advances Festival case

FROM RICHARD EVANS
RACING CORRESPONDENT
AT LEOPARDSTOWN

JODAMI won the Hennessy Cognac Irish Gold Cup for a record third time here yesterday and is now 5-1 second favourite to follow up his 1993 victory in the Cheltenham Gold Cup next month.

In a thrilling race, Jodami prevailed under a strong ride from Mark Dwyer to finish three lengths ahead of Merry Gale, whose jockey, Graham Bradley, dropped his whip shortly after the final fence.

Dwyer, who hit Jodami, the 13-8 favourite, at least a dozen times after the final fence, received a seven-day riding ban for using his whip with excessive force and frequency. "I know I am guilty but there is only one mark on the horse and I would not have won if I had been any easier," he said.

Would the result have been different had Dwyer not breached the rules and Bradley kept hold of his whip at a crucial stage of the race? Bradley said: "I was about to change the whip from one hand to the other when it caught my heel and flew into the air. Even if I could have given him three or four more with the whip I would still have been beaten by half a length. My horse just blew up a little going to the last."

Both Merry Gale and Jodami have had their jumping problems this campaign but there was not a semblance of a mistake from either horse as they approached the final fence in the three-mile race. Merry Gale touched down marginally in front and went at least half-a-length clear before Jodami responded gamely to establish a three-length advantage at the line.

Dwyer, who only hours earlier had lost an appeal against a two-day riding ban for excessive use of the whip at Fairyhouse a week earlier, said: "Jodami travelled very well all the way and I was very happy, but he just tends to idle a little bit at a certain stage of a race. Once I gave him a couple of backhanders after the second last and he got into gear and went to the last more or less on the bridle."

Nuaffe, who was runner-up to Dublin Flyer in the Tripleprint Gold Cup at Cheltenham, finished 15 lengths away third, although his proximity to the two principals approaching the final fence does place a question mark against the value of the form.

However, Peter Beaumont had every reason to be thrilled with Jodami's victory after a season dogged by bad luck. "I thought at the last we were going to be second," he said. "It was a great race and he will come on a bit for that because he had not had a completed race this season before today."

Jim Dreaper, the trainer of Merry Gale, said: "I do not know if he failed to stay but he is entitled to go for the Cheltenham Gold Cup. We have some idea of what the horse is capable of but at Cheltenham he will be faced with another two furlongs and unfortunately most of it is uphill."

While Dreaper can be no more than hopeful of winning the Gold Cup, he has reason to be increasingly confident about his chances of landing the Sun Alliance Chase with Harcon after his long-striding powerhouse galloped five rivals into submission in the Winelectric Novice Chase. If the ground is soft he is likely to start favourite.

Dermot Weld disclosed that Fortune And Fame, winner of the Irish Champion Hurdle last Sunday, is unlikely to have another race before the Smurfit Champion Hurdle. However, the Irish trainer is waiting to hear this week if Richard Dunwoody will be available to ride before deciding if the champion jockey will replace Mark Dwyer.

If the drying weather continues, it is possible Weld will also send Vintage Crop to Cheltenham for the hurdlers' crown. "If the ground turned out to be fast at Cheltenham I would love to have him there." Both horses run in the colours of Michael Smurfit, who sponsors the Champion Hurdle.

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RICHARD EVANS

Nap: READY TO DRAW
(3.45 Fontwell Park)
Next best: Do Be Have
(2.45 Fontwell Park)

Jockeying for position in championship muddle



JULIAN MUSCAT

Racing commentary

If racing requires amplification of the confusion it wreaks on interested outsiders, it need look no further than its own ranks. Dissent is rife within the membership of the Jockeys' Association, which has recently changed the format for establishing its champions. For the second time in a month, the association seems certain to alter course.

Here is a classic case of the left hand not knowing what the right hand is doing. One would fear for their safety if jockeys suffered the same lack of co-ordination displayed by their association. Remarkably, council members responsible for overseeing the changes are now publicly opposing them. The rest of us are left bewildered at how these decisions came to be sanctioned.

Although, in time-honoured tradition, the champion has always ridden the most winners, a rethink was prompted by the advent of year-round racing. The association announced that the champion would be decided on prize-money earnings to counter the threat of "burn-out". However, contrary to the spirit of a trade association, it did not reflect the views of its own membership, which it is now seeking.

A chorus has since developed among those still refusing to recognise "burn-out". They should consider the precedents of Tracy Austin, Carling Bassett and Jennifer Capriati, to name but three "wonder-children" of the tennis circuit. Where are they now?

If nothing else, this unseemly business should have taught our riders a lesson in the art of legislating. For they, as a pack, are quick to criticise; are dismissive of authority; are adamant that the world should be seen through their eyes. Some are openly scornful of their responsibility to publicise the sport. As for William Hill, it would be no surprise to see their £25,000 sponsorship disappear as quickly as money into a bookmaker's satchel.

The problem revolves around what constitutes a champion. Should a jockey victorious on the sands of Southwell earn equal recognition to the Derby winner? The answer will surprise you: jockeys believe that it should. They argue that every winning ride requires the same effort, application and tactical appreciation.

Never mind that effort, application and tactical appreciation are all brought to bear by the winner of even the most minor tennis tournament. Yet where would it end if tennis players crowned their champions by victories alone? Forget about Wimbledon; would the likes of Agassi, Sampras, Sabatini and Graf would relish a December spent slogging it out in Southend-On-Sea?

It is not quite like that in racing, where winning depends to a very large extent on who is riding the best horse. It shares this trait with Formula One, where the better drivers always graduate to the faster cars. Jockeys, too, have to climb the talent ladder. Yet they are dragged down to the lowest common denominator when it comes to deciding championships.

Ultimately, of course, your view depends on whether you follow jockeys or horses. To this eye the horse is everything, the jockey no more than a fleeting passenger. Occasionally, one can marvel at an inspired ride, a split-second decision that secures a famous victory. But the horse is the essence of racing. He should be fêted with championships.

With these thoughts in mind, the Jockeys' Association and its members can do as they please with their championships, their rules and their reasons behind them. But those who see the thoroughbred as king have one simple request. Could the bickering parties kindly reach their decision and stand by it? Then the rest of us could focus on the horses.

FONTWELL PARK

THUNDERER

2.15 Boogie Bopper
2.45 Do Be Have
3.15 Ebony Gale
3.45 Ready To Draw
4.15 Princess Hotpot
4.45 **SOUTHAMPTON** (nap)

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: **3.45 READY TO DRAW.**

GUIDE TO OUR IN-LINE RACECARD

101 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 .... B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider B — brought down S — slipped up. R — refused D — disqualified) Horse's name Days since last outing. F if flat (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield C — course winner D — distance winner CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy) Owner in brackets Trainer Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: SOFT (HEAVY IN PLACES) SIS

2.15 PAGHAM SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,160: 2m 6f) (11 runners)

101	04-5522	JOVIAL MAN 103 (BF,S) (Mrs B Marchant) R O'Sullivan 6-11-10	D O'Sullivan	87
102	0U40-50	MARIOLINO 35 (D,F,G,S) (M Lewis-Jones, J Beer) P Rodford 8-11-3	S Burrough	90
103	/P2P-5P	SALMON PRINCE 135 (CD,F) (A Wyness) J Smith 9-11-2	W Marston	98
104	6260-62	VILLA PARK 4 (F,S) (G Wareham) G Wareham 13-10-13	M Perrett	95
105	P445/03	CARABUCK 49 (B) (M Sampson) R Rowe 8-10-13	E Murphy	81
106	05414-3	BOOGIE BOPPER 19 (V,D,S) (M Pipe) M Pipe 6-10-12	C Swan	95
107	0-34400	OLIMPET 21 (F Gray) F Gray 6-10-1	M Crosse	[illegible]
108	44P-P3P	MILDRED SOPHIA 35 (S) (N Mitchell) N Mitchell 8-10-1	Miss S Mitchell (7)	93
109	0-0503U	STAPLEFORD LADY 21 (C Kyriakou) J Moore 7-10-0	W McFarland	88
110	06P-030	CELTIC LILLEY 28 (Miss J Reed) R Hoad 5-10-0	M Richards	90
111	63/0630	WINTER LIGHTNING 31 (M Nelmes-Crocker) Mrs H Parrott 6-10-0	D Leahy (3)	84

Long handicap: Celtic Lilley 9-7, Winter Lightning 9-6

BETTING: 5-2 Boogie Bopper, 7-2 Jovial Man, 5-1 Villa Park, 7-1 Carabuck, Salmon Prince, 10-1 Mariolino, 12-1 Olimpet, 14-1 Mildred Sophia, 16-1 Celtic Lilley, Stapleford Lady, 20-1 Winter Lightning

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

JOVIAL MAN 8l 2nd to Side Bar in selling handicap hurdle here (2m 2f, good). SALMON PRINCE 37¾l 5th to Glandalane Lady in handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (3m 110yd, good to firm) on penultimate start. VILLA PARK 10l 2nd of 19 to Cattex in selling handicap hurdle at Towcester (2m 5f, heavy). CARABUCK 15¼l 3rd to Doc Cottrill in novice handicap hurdle at Lingfield (3m 110yd, heavy). BOOGIE BOPPER 15l 3rd to Star Market in selling handicap hurdle at Ludlow (2m, soft). MILDRED SOPHIA 7¼l 3rd to Brigtina in selling handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 3f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. STAPLEFORD LADY 12l and neck 3rd to Phrose in novice handicap hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start. Selection: JOVIAL MAN

2.45 BET WITH THE TOTE NOVICES CHASE (Qualifier: £3,818: 3m 2f 110yd) (7 runners)

201	3/2F10	MUGONI BEACH 27 (D,BF,G,S) (J Ennis) M Pipe 10-11-3	C Swan	88
202	2U2213	NAZZARO 26 (B,S) (A Morris) W G M Turner 6-11-3	C Maude	80
203	321P-12	DO BE HAVE 31 (G) (D Walker) Mrs J Pitman 7-10-10	W Marston	–
204	F1/4/2P-	FAIR CROSSING 354 (G) (Mrs S Weatherby) C Egerton 9-10-10	J Osborne	[illegible]
205	6/033-3	MEDIANE 16 (G,S) (White City All Stars C C) M Bradstock 10-10-10	P Holley	95
206	5/1/5-3F	ROYAL IRISH 4 (S) (G Mohan) G Balding 11-10-10	J Railton	62
207	33-F	STONE-FALCON 11 (B) (R Thomson) C James 9-10-10	Mr E James	–

BETTING: 6-4 Do Be Have, 5-2 Mugoni Beach, 9-2 Fair Crossing, 5-1 Mediane, 7-1 Nazzaro, 16-1 others.

1994: LUCKY LANE 10-11-3 C Maude (6-1) P Hobbs 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

MUGONI BEACH beat Welsh Lustre 9l in novice handicap chase at Warwick (3m 2f, soft) on penultimate start. NAZZARO beat Southerly Gale ¾l in novice chase at Southwell (3m 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. DO BE HAVE 6l 2nd to Cyborgo in handicap hurdle at Uttoxeter (3m 110yd, heavy). FAIR CROSSING head 2nd to Road By The River in novice handicap chase at Doncaster (3m, good to soft) on penultimate start. MEDIANE distance 3rd to Simon Joseph in novice chase at Kempton (3m, heavy). ROYAL IRISH 26¼l 3rd to Essdoubleyou in maiden chase at Wincanton (3m 1f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start with STONE-FALCON fell 1st. Selection: MUGONI BEACH

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rns	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
Mrs J Pitman	8	18	44.4	J Osborne	11	41	26.8
C Egerton	3	7	42.9	P Hide	10	48	20.8
M Pipe	25	71	35.2	Peter Hobbs	19	93	20.4
J Gifford	32	148	21.6	D Morris	19	102	18.6
M Usher	4	19	21.1	E Murphy	7	38	18.4
Miss H Knight	5	24	20.8	M Perrett	15	82	18.3

3.15 HEDDY SIMPSON MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (£3,236: 3m 2f 110yd) (14 runners)

301	23-P565	SILVERINO 28 (V,D,G,S) (D Humphreys) G L Moore 9-11-12	M Richards	93
302	0P4-530	CATCHAPENNY 31 (D,G,S) (Million in Mind Pnrs) Miss H Knight 10-11-11	J Osborne	90
303	0-22FUP	EBONY GALE 25 (B,CD,G,S) (P Whelan) Mrs J Pitman 9-11-7	W Marston	[illegible]
304	31F-B32	EARLY MAN 28 (CD,F,S) (Mrs J Grist) D Grissell 8-11-4	Peter Hobbs	86
305	035/31-U	BOTTLE BLACK 4 (S) (Miss K George) Miss K George 8-11-2	G Bradley	–
306	8F4210	WOODLANDS BOY 19 (B,F,S) (S Moore) R Hoad 7-11-1	N Williamson	86
307	4-06FU2	PUNCH'S HOTEL 39 (B,CD,S) (Mrs A Dawes) R Rowe 10-11-0	D O'Sullivan	91
308	U36390	SHASTON 19 (B,F,G,S) (Kavanagh Roofing Ltd) W G M Turner 10-10-13	P Holley	96
309	B024-66	GLENGRIFFIN 27 (G) (B Naylor) J Gifford 10-10-10	P Hide	92
310	2/3-1P2U	BADBURY LAD 39 (S) (C Cowley) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 9-10-6	R Greene	93
311	00-PP54	BERESFORDS GIRL 39 (V,F,G,S) (Mrs J Spielman) P Murphy 10-10-6	E Byrne	80
312	P-PU13P	ROMANY CREEK 19 (V,G) (Duke of Atholl) G Balding 6-10-3	B Clifford	90
313	2PP-332	OLD ROAD 21 (F,G,S) (I McGready) J Smith 9-10-2	G Hogan (5)	90
314	4U3362-	HICKELTON LAD 271 (F,G) (Miss B Palmer) D Williams 11-10-2	A P McCoy (3)	92

BETTING: 5-1 Punch's Hotel, 6-1 Ebony Gale, 7-1 Shaston, 8-1 Badbury Lad, Catchapenny, Woodlands Boy, 10-1 Early Man, 12-1 Shaston, 14-1 Bottle Black, Hickelton Lad, 16-1 others.

1994: GOLD CAP 9-11-10 G McCourt (5-4f) P Hobbs 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

EBONY GALE best recent effort 12l 2nd to Unholy Alliance in handicap chase at Stratford (3m 4f, good). BOTTLE BLACK beat No Better Buachail 3l in novice chase at Downpatrick (2m 4f, heavy) on penultimate start. WOODLANDS BOY beat EARLY MAN (3lb better off) 11l in handicap chase at Lingfield (3m, heavy) with SILVERINO (6lb better off) tailed off 5th. PUNCH'S HOTEL 12l 2nd to Emerald Storm in handicap chase over course and distance (soft) with SHASTON 15l 3rd and EBONY GALE unseated rider 15th. BADBURY LAD 2l 2nd to Alice Smith in novice handicap chase at Ludlow (3m, good) on penultimate start. ROMANY CREEK best effort this term when beating Derrymoss 15l in novice chase at Hereford (3m 1f 110yd, good). OLD ROAD 25l 2nd of 11 to Djebel Prince in selling handicap chase here (2m 3f, good). Selection: WOODLANDS BOY

3.45 CHICHESTER NOVICES CLAIMING HURDLE (£2,158: 2m 2f) (11 runners)

401		KAIFOON (J Pearl) P Ritchens 6-11-10	S Fox (5)	–
402	0-00	STEEL BELLS 82 (B) (Steel Plate & Sections Ltd) C Brooks 6-11-10	G Bradley	–
403	4-21125	VALIANTHE 39 (B,BF,F,S) (Martin Pipe Racing Club) M Pipe 7-11-10	C Swan	93
404	/P-5	BRIGHT SEASON 39 (M Wells) J Poulton 7-11-7	G Crone (7)	–
405	0	RIVA ROCK 39 (P Collins) R Rowe 5-11-4	T Grantham	–
406	200/F-	PUKKA SAHIB 310 (Miss B Swire) G Balding 8-11-1	R Arnold (7)	–
407	43/6811	READY TO DRAW 28 (CD,S) (A Walls) R O'Sullivan 6-10-12	D O'Sullivan	[illegible]
408	P00P/0	ALDWICK COLONNADE 56 (Coastguards Estate Agent) M Usher 8-10-10	J Railton	–
409	00	DRAGONMIST 25 (R Dove) M Madgwick 5-10-10	F Leahy (5)	–
410	04033-0	ABU DANCER 23F (S Pedersen) K Cunningham-Brown 5-10-9	B Powell	77
411		TIME TO MOVE (Mrs S Jones) P Jones 5-10-4	Mr J Culloty (7)	–

BETTING: Evens Ready To Draw, 13-8 Valianthe, 10-1 Bright Season, 12-1 Abu Dancer, Pukka Sahib, 16-1 others.

1994: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

STEEL BELLS 44l 7th of 11 to Better Bythe Glass in novice hurdle at Haydock (2m 6f, good to soft). VALIANTHE ½l 2nd of 14 to Brigtina in selling handicap hurdle at Exeter (2m 3f 110yd, soft) on penultimate start. READY TO DRAW beat Challenger Row 3l in 11-runner selling hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy). Previously beat Cobb Gate 10l in 17-runner selling hurdle over course and distance (soft) with BRIGHT SEASON (9lb worse off) 10¼l 5th, RIVA ROCK (6lb worse off) 15½l 10th and DRAGONMIST (3lb worse off) 32l 12th. ABU DANCER 84l 9th of 15 to Desmond Gold in novice hurdle at Plumpton (2m 4f, soft). Selection: READY TO DRAW (nap)

4.15 CLIMPING HANDICAP CHASE (£2,950: 2m 2f) (6 runners)

501	1/U03PP	DWADME 49 (F,S) (Sussex Renovations Ltd) R O'Sullivan 10-11-10	B Powell	98
502	13P-311	PRINCESS HOTPOT 74 (G) (Mrs S Basher) Miss H Knight 7-10-13	M Perrett	90
503	442P2-P	THE CARROT MAN 28 (BF) (Mrs J Wickworth) P Winkworth 7-10-10	C Maude	93
504	PP4P1U	RATHER SHARP 21 (S) (M Long) C Popham 9-10-3	M A Fitzgerald	94
505	45F3R3	GREEN WALK 21 (F) (C Cornwell) R Rowe 8-10-2	D O'Sullivan	98
506	20533-5	VICTORY GATE 28 (G) (Mrs P Donkin) Mrs L Jewell 10-10-0	A P McCoy (3)	[illegible]

BETTING: 4-6 Princess Hotpot, 5-1 Victory Gate, 7-1 Green Walk, Rather Sharp, 10-1 Dwadme, The Carrot Man.

1994: SARTORIUS 8-11-10 D Meade (5-4 fav) T Thomson Jones 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

DWADME best effort this term 8¾l 3rd to Emerald Storm in handicap chase at Windsor (3m, good to soft). PRINCESS HOTPOT beat Channel Pastime short-head in novice chase at Taunton (2m 3f, good). THE CARROT MAN 2½l 2nd to Bucks Surprise in handicap chase at Bangor (2m 4f 110yd, good) on penultimate start. RATHER SHARP beat Rosgill 1¾l in selling handicap chase at Plumpton (2m, soft) on penultimate start. GREEN WALK 31l 3rd to Djebel Prince in selling handicap chase here (2m 3f, good) with RATHER SHARP (1lb worse off) unseated rider 13th. VICTORY GATE 53¼l 5th to Counterbalance in novice handicap chase at Lingfield (2m 4f 110yd, heavy) with THE CARROT MAN pulled up 9th. Selection: PRINCESS HOTPOT

4.45 ARUNDEL HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,383: 2m 2f) (13 runners)

601	11P15-2	PREROGATIVE 39 (V,S) (D Johnson) M Pipe 5-12-0	C Swan	94
602	1F-466F	YELLOW SPRING 16 (CD,F,G,S) (Mrs R Howell) D Grissell 10-11-13	Peter Hobbs	–
603	6F2311	SOUTHAMPTON 67 (V,F,G,S) (Highflyers) G Balding 5-11-0	A P McCoy (3)	94
604	0-UPP00	BRINDLEY HOUSE 80 (S) (S Glazer) R Curtis 8-11-0	D Morris	–
605	0/005-00	LOCH GARANNE 11 (S) (Mrs P Grugeon) R Buckler 7-10-12	B Powell	92
606	1/1112	NAMASTE 38 (G,S) (J Galvanoni) R Hoad 7-10-10	G Bradley	91
607	3/031	RAAHIN 21 (CD,F,G,S) (R Atkins) S Woodman 10-10-8	S McNeill	98
608	214605	KARAR 21 (G,S) (Mrs M Sampson) R Rowe 5-10-4	E Murphy	[illegible]
609	40-3F20	NINE O THREE 9 (S) (Bideford Tool Ltd) N Ayliffe 6-10-1	M A Fitzgerald	90
610	1120-01	AUGUST TWELFTH 38 (S) (D O'Brien) D O'Brien 7-10-0	Mr G Brown	91
611	00-2U13	ALICE'S MIRROR 28 (B,CD,G,S) (T McGovern) T McGovern 6-10-0	N Williamson	93
612	6-35534	THUHOOL 38 (BF,G,S) (C Cornwell) R Rowe 7-10-0	D Carson (7)	96
613	432-62	ARAMON 19 (J Saunders) M Haynes 5-10-0	D Skyrme	93

Long handicap: August Twelfth 9-13, Alice's Mirror 9-9, Thuhool 9-8, Aramon 9-6.

BETTING: 4-1 Raahin, 9-2 Southampton, 5-1 Prerogative, 6-1 Namaste, 7-1 August Twelfth, 8-1 Karar, 10-1 Alice's Mirror, Loch Garanne, 12-1 Nine O Three, 14-1 Yellow Spring, 16-1 others.

1994: HAPPY HORSE 7-11-4 A Tory (4-1 fav) Mrs J Renfree-Barons 16 ran

FORM FOCUS

PREROGATIVE 1l 2nd of 6 to Isaiah in handicap hurdle at Warwick (2m, heavy). SOUTHAMPTON beat Keep Me In Mind 2½l in 11-runner handicap hurdle at Windsor (2m, good). NAMASTE beat Roger's Pal 20l in 5-runner handicap hurdle at Lingfield (2m 110yd, heavy) on penultimate start. RAAHIN beat Hobbs 3½l in 7-runner handicap hurdle here (2m 6f, good) with KARAR (9lb better off) 13½l 5th and YELLOW SPRING (9lb better off) head 6th. NINE O THREE 12l 2nd of 11 to Cheryl's Lad in novice hurdle at Taunton (2m 1f, soft) on penultimate start. AUGUST TWELFTH beat NAMASTE (1lb better off) neck in amateurs handicap hurdle at Folkestone (2m 1f 110yd, soft) with THUHOOL (3lb better off) distance 4th. ALICE'S MIRROR head and 1l 3rd of 13 to Titan Empress in handicap hurdle at Plumpton (2m 4f, soft). Selection: PREROGATIVE

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Wyer banned

LORCAN WYER was suspended for two days (February 13 and 14) for striking his mount, Cumbrian Challenge, with unreasonable frequency from the second-last flight when a half-length second to Squire Silk in the Rievaulx Handicap Hurdle at Wetherby on Saturday.

Killyman prompts Curling

POINT-TO-POINT
BY BRIAN BEEL

POLLY CURLING recorded her first win of the season on Killyman in division three of the maiden at the New Forest on Saturday, and swiftly added Childhay Chocolate and What A Hand, also from the Richard Barber stable.

Of the three, What A Hand was the most impressive. Although he won the second division of the PPOA race by only a hard-fought length, it was in the fastest time of the day from the previously unbeaten Proud Sun. Mike Felton rode Proud Sun, whose next race is expected to be The Times Rising Stars qualifier at Hereford next Monday.

Felton also finished second in the confined on Woodbury Fair, also an intended runner at Hereford. Here he was beaten by the Harry Welstead-trained Celtic Spark, ridden by Peter Hanley, who later won on the same stable's Lets Rumble in division two of the restricted. The yard recorded another success when, in division one of the PPOA, Dido Harding landed her second win of the season on Cool Dawn.

At the **Thurlow**, the Di Grissell-trained Colonial Kelly, under Paul Hacking, was the convincing winner of the opening race in which Melton Park, on his seasonal debut, finished sixth.

There were two winners for Jenny Pidgeon's stable at the **Oxford University**. The first of these was in the ladies' where Victoria Lyon was successful on Thamesdown Tootsie. Orchestral Suite then obliged under Jon Trice-Rolph in division two of the restricted.

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LEADERS OVER THE JUMPS

TRAINERS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Days since win	Level stakes
M Pipe	76	57	35	1	-41.88
D Nicholson	68	38	25	3	+39.18
Mrs M Reveley	67	43	29	2	+1.44
P Hobbs	54	45	29	34	-38.25
N Twiston-Davies	48	45	39	15	-46.94
K Bailey	44	37	19	8	+53.96

JOCKEYS

	1st	2nd	3rd	Losing sequence	Level stakes
R Dunwoody	112	79	61	7	-55.81
A Maguire	103	75	59	3	-71.27
N Williamson	75	61	49	12	-0.12
J Osborne	63	45	44	3	-78.44
P Niven	62	45	32	4	-26.72
D Bridgwater	48	29	32	4	+26.22

SOUTHWELL

THUNDERER

1.30 At The Savoy. 2.00 Palacegate Jo. 2.30 Roar On Tour. 3.00 Quinzii Martin. 3.30 Ladybower. 4.00 Bella Parkes. 4.30 Castle Secret.

Our Newmarket Correspondent:
3.30 MERRIE LE BOW (nap).

GOING: STANDARD SIS
DRAW: 6F-1M, LOW NUMBERS BEST

1.30 ABBEY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT HANDICAP (Div I: £2,739: 7f) (10 runners)

1	15-4	BOGART 13 (D,BF,G) C Fairhurst 4-10-0	R Cochrane 7
2	0-56	EDUCATED PET 16 (V,F,G,S) B Preece 6-9-12	J Weaver 9
3	0-36	MEESON TIMES 13 (E,C,G,S) R Bastiman 7-9-6	H Bastiman (5) 8
4	-042	SPANISH STRIPPER 10 M Chapman 4-9-5	D R McCabe (3) 3
5	55-6	SHARPENING 24 (V,CD,G,S) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-3	D Harrison 2
6	556-	GREY KINGDOM 186 M Brittain 4-9-2	G Bardwell 1
7	3230	CHEERFUL GROOM 10 (D,F) J Mackie 4-9-0	M Fenton 4
8	0252	AT THE SAVOY 5 T Barron 4-8-7	Dean McKeown 6
9	30-0	MISS TIPSY 31 (B) W Haigh 4-8-4	Dale Gibson 5
10	-500	AQUADO 16 (F) A Forbes 6-8-0	J Quinn 10

2-1 Spanish Stripper, 3-1 At The Savoy, 7-2 Bogart, 5-1 Meeson Times, 10-1 Sharpening, 12-1 Grey Kingdom, 14-1 others.

2.00 AMAZON HANDICAP (£3,081: 1m 3f) (7)

1	054-	MR TOWSER 104 (C,G) W Haigh 4-9-13	Dale Gibson 3
2	410-	ASHOVER 123 (F,G,S) T Barron 5-9-6	Kimberley Hart (7) 4
3	305-	IN A MOMENT 128 (C,G) T Barron 4-9-5	Dean McKeown 6
4	000-	MISSUS MURHILL 17J (G) N Tinkler 4-9-3	Kim Tinkler 1
5	4211	PALACEGATE JO 3 (CD,G,S) R Hollinshead 4-9-3 (5ex)	L Dettori 7
6	0-03	IMPERIAL BID 14 (D,F,G) Denys Smith 7-9-1	J Weaver 2
7	000'	JONBEL 59G T Clement 7-7-7	J Quinn 5

5-4 Palacegate Jo, 5-2 Imperial Bid, 7-2 Mr Towser, 8-1 Missus Murhill, 12-1 Ashover, 16-1 In A Moment, 50-1 Jonbel

2.30 ORINOCO HANDICAP (£3,589: 1m) (5)

1	2513	DREAM CARRIER 12 (C,BF,F,G) J O'Shea 7-10-0	J Stack (5) 1
2	0-40	FAEZ 28 (S) P Felgate 5-9-1	T Ives 3
3	06-0	MAJOR MOUSE 17 (D,F,G) W Haigh 7-8-10	Dale Gibson 2
4	-114	ROAR ON TOUR 14 (CD,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-8-10	R Cochrane 5
5	1-04	CICERONE 24 (CD,G,S) J L Harris 5-8-3	G Duffield 4

Evens Dream Carrier, 7-4 Roar On Tour, 4-1 Cicerone, 16-1 Major Mouse, 20-1 Faez.

3.00 ABBEY BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT HANDICAP (Div II: £2,739: 7f) (9)

1	503-	TYRONE FLYER 221 (CD,G,S) P McEntee 6-9-13	Stephen Davies 4
2	02-2	CERTAIN WAY 28 (C,G) N Littmoden 5-9-10	T McLaughlin (5) 2
3	0102	QUINZII MARTIN 16 (CD,G) D Haydn Jones 7-9-8	T Williams 8
4	23-3	FLETCHER'S BOUNTY 7 (F) W Cunningham 6-9-5	A Clark 5
5	5403	MATTHEW DAVID 7 (C,G) S Bowring 5-9-2	J Quinn 7
6	550-	ACHILLES HEEL 343 C Allen 4-9-1	E Guest 1
7	0-05	THE REAL WHIZZBANG 14 P Felgate 4-8-8	P McCabe (5) 3
8	1-00	TILLY OWL 21 (D,G) J A Harris 4-8-6	J O'Reilly 9
9	/0-0	WELLSY LAD 24 (B,CD,G,S) D Chapman 8-8-4	C Teague (7) 6

9-4 Quinzii Martin, 4-1 Certain Way, 9-2 Fletcher's Bounty, 5-1 Tyrone Flyer, 6-1 Matthew David, 8-1 Achilles Heel, 12-1 Tilly Owl, 14-1 others

3.30 MISSOURI MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £3,053: 6f) (8)

1	00	CAPTAIN SINBAD 5 K Bridgwater 9-0	N Adams 5
2	00-	MONTAGUE DAWSON 174 Mrs N Macauley 9-0	S Drowne (5) 4
3		PARONOMASIA M Bell 9-0	M Fenton 1
4	4-34	PURSUANCE 3 (V) J Balding 9-0	J Edmunds (7) 3
5	02-4	ALWAYS GRACE 23 Miss G Kelleway 8-9	J Weaver 2
6	5-32	JALMAID 12 B McMahon 8-9	S Sanders (5) 8
7		LADYBOWER Lord Huntingdon 8-9	D Harrison 6
8	3-23	MERRIE LE BOW 16 Pat Mitchell 8-9	J McLaughlin 7

9-4 Ladybower, 3-1 Always Grace, 7-2 Pursuance, 4-1 Jalmaid, 6-1 Merrie Le Bow, 8-1 Paronomasia, 10-1 others.

4.00 RIO GRANDE SELLING STAKES (£2,259: 6f) (16)

1	-521	JAMAICA BRIDGE 14 (CD,G) S Norton 5-10-0	J Stack (5) 8
2	-506	ARC LAMP 10 (C,D,F,G) J Glover 9-9-10	S D Williams 5
3	0-03	BOLD ARISTOCRAT 7 (C,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-10	A Garth (5) 9
4	0-04	BRISAS 10 (CD,F,G) C Fairhurst 8-9-10	J Fanning 4
5	-660	GREEN'S BID 21 (D,G) D Chapman 5-9-10	O Pears (3) 3
6	504-	LIFE'S A BREEZE 128 (CD,G) P Felgate 6-9-10	P McCabe (5) 10
7	-222	SEA DEVIL 7 (CD,BF,F,G,S) M Camacho 9-9-10	L Charnock 16
8	3-03	SENSE OF PRIORITY 14 (CD,F,G) M H Easterby 6-9-10	W Woods 15
9	-425	BELLA PARKES 7 (B,D,F,S) D Nicholls 4-9-5	Alex Greaves 6
10	0000	BESSIE'S WILL 7 (V) D Haydn Jones 4-9-5	A Mackay 14
11	/60-	DUNDEELIN 42 (V,S) J Eyre 4-9-5	T Ives 1
12	0-05	GREY TOPPA 14 (F,G) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-5	J Weaver 7
13	000-	MOCKINGBIRD 112 (D,G) B Preece 4-9-5	T Wall 2
14	0/0-	NORTHGATE RAVER 41 R Thompson 4-9-5	M Fenton 13
15	-632	SWINGING TICH 10 (CD,G) B McMahon 6-9-5	S Sanders (5) 11
16	00-0	VICTORIA HALL 6 (V) W G M Turner 5-9-5	G Duffield 12

7-2 Bella Parkes, 9-2 Sea Devil, 5-1 Jamaica Bridge, 6-1 Sense Of Priority, 8-1 Green's Bid, Swinging Tich, 10-1 Arc Lamp, 12-1 others.

4.30 NILE AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP (£2,537: 2m) (15)

1	00-6	CASTLE SECRET 27J (D,F,S) D Burchell 9-11-7	Miss E J Jones (7) 7
2	300-	KISMETIM 18J (G) F Jordan 5-11-3	L Squire (3) 10
3	205/	ALTERNATION 30J (G) J Webber 6-11-0	P Scott (7) 11
4	/0-0	FLASS VALE 19 (V) C Fairhurst 7-10-11	Mrs S Bosley (3) 14
5	30-0	KING WILLIAM 23 (D,F,G) J Spearing 10-10-10	Miss T Spearing (3) 13
6	6-12	BOROCAY 10 (C,G) M Camacho 7-10-9	Mrs L Pearce 9
7	046/	ASAAF 1934J (D) N Littmoden 12-10-8	M Salaman (7) 1
8	0/0-	KAUSAR 374 (D,G) J Eyre 8-10-6	Miss D J Jones (3) 5
9	640-	GUNMAKER 82J B Llewellyn 6-10-6	Mrs B Williams (3) 12
10	000/	COMANECI 48J K Bridgwater 7-10-5	D Parker 15
11	5/0-	BAYBEEJAY 88J R Brotherton 8-10-2	Miss V Hill (7) 4
12	440-	FLASHMAN 27J B Llewellyn 5-10-1	J L Llewellyn 6
13	0-04	GOLDENBERRY 10 J Parkes 4-10-0	I McLelland (3) 3
14	003-	DESERT PRESIDENT 38J R Hoad 4-9-13	Miss L McIntosh (7) 8
15	-006	WRITTEN AGREEMENT 4 (V) R Peacock 7-9-0	Mrs C Peacock (7) 2

7-4 Borocay, 5-1 Goldenberry, 7-1 Castle Secret, 8-1 Alternation, 12-1 Desert President, Kismetim, Baybeejay, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 16 winners from 53 runners, 30.2%; Lord Huntingdon, 23 from 100, 23.0%; S Norton, 34 from 156, 21.8%; W Haigh, 16 from 94, 17.0%; M Bell, 12 from 77, 15.6%; T Barron, 39 from 252, 15.5%.

JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 34 winners from 161 rides, 21.1%; J Weaver, 24 from 139, 17.3%; J McLaughlin, 7 from 41, 17.1%; O Pears, 14 from 90, 15.6%; G Duffield, 29 from 189, 15.3%; Alex Greaves, 34 from 227, 15.0%.

MARKET RASEN

THUNDERER

1.50 Sevso. 2.20 Zaaheyah. 2.55 Ryde Again. 3.25 Boston Rover. 3.55 Dark Oak. 4.25 Tristan's Comet.

Brian Beel: 2.55 Ryde Again.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT (SOFT IN PLACES) SIS

1.50 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND NATIONAL HUNT NOVICES HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,609: 2m 3f 110yd) (11 runners)

1	4/13	PADISHAH 42 (BF,S) W Muir 6-11-10	J A McCarthy	97
2	6440	COTTAGE CRAFT 24 W Bethell 6-11-0	A S Smith	96
3	0-	COUNTRYMASTER 292 C Egerton 6-11-0	D Gallagher	–
4	P000	HEDDON HAUGH 58 P Cheesbrough 7-11-0	L Wyer	–
5	000	KITTOCHSIDE LAD 21 Mrs S Austin 5-11-0	D Wilkinson	67
6	4-36	LUCIMAN 76 Mrs M Reveley 5-11-0	P Niven	72
7	000	OLD ALE 17 J Curtis 5-11-0	L O'Hara	63
8	P330	SABBAQ 17 Mrs S Lamyman 5-11-0	R Davis	91
9	-131	SEVSO 48 (S) D Nicholson 6-11-0	A Maguire	[illegible]
10		THE ICE MAN Mrs M Reveley 7-11-0	R Hodge	–
11	-125	UNCLE KEENY 9 (S) J J O'Neill 5-11-0	M Dwyer	–

2-1 Sevso, 3-1 Uncle Keeny, 9-2 Padishah, 8-1 Cottage Craft, Luciman, 12-1 The Ice Man, 14-1 Sabbaq, 16-1 others.

2.20 GROUND STAFF SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,800: 3m) (6)

1	1000	ZAAHEYAH 12F (S) M Hammond 5-11-10	A Dobbin	92
2	352P	ERLEMO 31 (V) W Clay 6-11-7	A Maguire	[illegible]
3	-000	TYNRON DOON 19 (V,S) Mrs N Macauley 6-11-6	Richard Guest	90
4	5RP-	QUIET MISTRESS 289 W Bethell 5-11-5	A S Smith	–
5	0032	PONTABULA 53 H Manners 5-11-4	M Appleby (7)	90
6	004P	WADADA 17 S Campion 4-10-12	P Midgley (3)	91

9-4 Erlemo, 5-2 Zaaheyah, 3-1 Pontabula, 6-1 Tynron Doon, 10-1 Quiet Mistress, 12-1 Wadada.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: Mrs M Reveley, 25 winners from 74 runners, 33.8%; J Smith, 3 from 12, 25.0%; Mrs N Macauley, 3 from 12, 25.0%; Jimmy Fitzgerald, 21 from 99, 21.2%; K Morgan, 16 from 102, 15.7%; P Cheesbrough, 4 from 30, 13.3%; J J O'Neill, 6 from 46, 13.0%; O Brennan, 17 from 136, 12.5%.

JOCKEYS: P Niven, 26 winners from 96 rides, 27.1%; L Wyer, 20 from 87, 23.0%; R Hodge, 5 from 22, 22.7%; M Dwyer, 18 from 91, 19.8%; L O'Hara, 5 from 31, 16.1%; 4 from 25, 16%; A Maguire, 9 from 58, 15.5%; A S Smith, 13 from 92, 14.1%; M Brennan, 16 from 135, 11.9%.

Blinkered first time

FONTWELL PARK: 2.15 Carabuck. 3.45 Steel Bells. MARKET RASEN: 2.20 Tynron Doon. SOUTHWELL: 3.30 Pursuance. 4.00 Bella Parkes. 4.30 Written Agreement.

2.55 BROCKLESBY HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £1,618: 2m 6f 110yd) (12)

1	104/	GENERAL HIGHWAY 1144 (G,S) C Dawson 12-12-11	Mrs J Dawson (7)	–
2	636-	MATRIC 268P (C,D,F,G,S) D Ingle 14-12-11	D Ingle (7)	–
3	F-15	NO WORD 159 (BF,F) D Ibbotson 8-12-11	N Kent (7)	50
4	55P-	PLAT REAY 411 (D,G,S) Mrs L Williamson 11-12-11	M Williamson (7)	58
5	52P-	RYDE AGAIN 296 (F,G,S) Miss C Saunders 12-12-11	T Marks (7)	[illegible]
6	132-	SANDYBRAES 353 (F,G,S) D Nicholson 10-12-11	R Johnson (7)	70
7	21U/	ELLERTON HILL 612 (C,F,G,S) Mrs J Brown 12-12-7	R H Brown (5)	–
8	213-	GOGGINS HILL 263 (S) P Cheesbrough 8-12-7	J Greenall	52
9	122-	BRADFORD BEAU 269P (G,S) Mrs P Grainger 7-12-3	A Phillips (7)	–
10	103-	CAUSEWAY CRUISER 265 (G,S) J Tredwell 9-12-3	R Lawther (7)	50
11	1F4-	MISHKINA 264P (F,S) M Sowersby 7-12-3	M Sowersby (7)	50
12	254-	DURIGHT 263 (F,G) Miss J Sawney 12-12-2	N Tutty (5)	50

4-6 Ryde Again, 9-2 Ellerton Hill, 8-1 Sandybraes, 10-1 Goggins Hill, 14-1 General Highway, No Word, 16-1 others.

3.25 GRAHAM PARRY HANDICAP CHASE (£3,118: 2m 1f 110yd) (7)

1	1-11	DORADUS 59 (D,F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 7-12-0	M Dwyer	94
2	4622	BOSTON ROVER 17 (CD,G,S) O Brennan 10-11-11	M Brennan	[illegible]
3	4-4P	ISSYIN 51 (B,BF,S) M W Easterby 8-11-10	R Garritty	90
4	2F3U	IN TRUTH 16 (BF,G,S) S Gollings 7-10-12	A Maguire	98
5	54F2	CIRCULATION 42 (CD,G,S) D McCain 9-10-7	D Gallagher	96
6	5FP5	RUPPLES 47 (CD,F,G) M Chapman 8-10-6	Mr T Hughes (7)	98
7	2-2P	RULLY 27 (F) M Chapman 6-10-0	W Worthington	–

2-1 Doradus, 11-4 In Truth, 7-2 Boston Rover, 5-1 Circulation, 8-1 Issyin, 16-1 Rupples, 20-1 Rully

3.55 RACE DAY STAFF HANDICAP CHASE (£2,746: 2m 4f) (5)

1	112U	DARK OAK 23 (CD,G) J Curtis 9-11-13	L O'Hara	[illegible]
2	3F22	PERSIAN SWORD 18 (S) D Nicholson 9-11-9	A Maguire	95
3	211F	DEEP DECISION 52 (CD,G) P Cheesbrough 9-11-7	M Dwyer	97
4	RU44	HEATHVIEW 74 (C,F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-10-10	E Callaghan (7)	91
5	-354	SPROWSTON BOY 27 (F,G,S) M Chapman 12-10-4	W Worthington	98

7-4 Dark Oak, 9-4 Deep Decision, 5-2 Persian Sword, 12-1 Sprowston Boy, 16-1 Heathview.

4.25 JOHN BENNETT HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,462: 2m 3f 110yd) (9)

1	1303	CASH CHASE 23 (G,S) O Brennan 7-11-10	M Brennan	93
2	-45P	STYLUS 4 (B,S) M Chapman 6-11-8	Mr T Hughes (7)	97
3	034-	ISABEAU 307 (CD,F,G,S) K Morgan 8-11-3	A S Smith	95
4	4540	VICOSA 52 (V,F,S) S Gollings 6-11-2	A Maguire	87
5	3620	MY SWAN SONG 51 (C,F,G) J Smith 10-10-8	S Wynne (3)	[illegible]
6	10/0	KNAYTON PROSPECT 23 (F) M W Easterby 7-10-6	J Driscoll (7)	–
7	2132	TRISTAN'S COMET 18 (C,G,S) J L Harris 8-10-4	D Gallagher	97
8	03-P	BAJAN AFFAIR 23 (G) Miss L Siddall 5-10-3	E Husband (5)	89
9	3P06	FANTASTICAL 9 (G) J J O'Neill 7-10-0	R McGrath (7)	89

9-4 Tristan's Comet, 3-1 Cash Chase, 5-1 Fantastical, 6-1 My Swan Song, 7-1 Isabeau, 8-1 Vicosa, 14-1 others.

Phil Neal: football manager who fantasised about running a marathon. **John Goodbody** reports

On the road to the marathon

Completing a marathon inspires almost everyone in sport. The event possesses a mythological aura that attracts even the most successful figures in other activities.

Phil Neal has achieved most honours in football. He is England's most capped full back with 50 appearances, eight Football League titles and four European Cup winners' medals which he won with Liverpool. However, he had always had the fantasy of running a marathon. "It was one of those dreams I had to go through," he said. "I used to stand in awe and wonder what pain the competitors were enduring."

Aided by Dave Long, who represented Great Britain in the 1988 and 1992 Olympic Games, Neal began preparing for the 1994 London Marathon. Despite suffering an injury a fortnight before the event, and finding the time for training while remaining manager of Coventry City, he hobbled round the course in 4hr 28min.

A former professional footballer, he was used to running on grass. "Your calves and feet suffer on the roads," he said. "The first thing I had to do was to get out on the roads."

The demands on Neal as a coach and manager were intense last year. He was an assistant to Graham Taylor with the England squad and, two weeks before the marathon, he returned to Coventry City to take a training session and did not warm up. "My leg went 'ping' and I thought I might have to miss the event," he said.



Liverpool's Phil Neal, 1982

"The physiotherapist, my training and my football experience got me round." It shows that even an experienced sportsman like Neal can make a mistake.

Neal benefitted throughout his preparation from having Long as his advisor. Long took up running in 1983 to get fit for football, and clocked 3hr 08min in his first race. He then improved his times in every one of his first ten marathons to become the first British competitor to gain selection for the 1988 Games.

"Ordinary people should just train to run the distance," he said. "You should not come away with some horror story on the day by trying to go too fast. You should have enjoyed it. By the end of February, it would have been very, very handy if you had completed 20 miles in training a couple of times."

In our schedule for February, we have included two three-hour (180 minute) steady runs which, if carried out at 9-minute miles, will produce 20 miles of continuous running. There will be one more 20-miler, at the start of March, and it would be valuable if one of these three efforts could be replaced by a competitive half-marathon. There are a cluster of scheduled half-marathons published in magazines such as *Runners World* about a month before the NutraSweet London Marathon on April 2. Long says that this will give you an indication of your time for the actual race so you can judge your pace.

Long said: "For the half-marathon, wear the same kit as for the full distance." Put Vaseline between your thighs and under your arms and get used to taking a little water at all the drinking stations.

"Do not worry if you have to take a day or two off because you have a niggling injury. If you are injured for a while, try to use an exercise bike in a gymnasium, provided it does not aggravate the injury. Be careful if you have a cold, and certainly do not run if you have a temperature."

The schedule, left, will take you through to March. Try, as usual, to have your rest day on the day before your long run and your shortest run on the day after that long run. If you do not have time to train six days a week, omit the shortest of your weekly runs from your schedule. If you have entered a half-marathon race, do half the amount of training scheduled in the week preceding the event.

FIFTH MONTH OF TRAINING

Week one: one 50-minute run; two 60-minute runs; one 75-minute run; one 50-minute fartlek session — including three times 10-minute fast spells; one 160-minute run; one rest day.

Week two: one 50-minute run; two 60-minute runs; one 80-minute run; one 50-fartlek session exactly the same as above; one 170-minute run; one rest day.

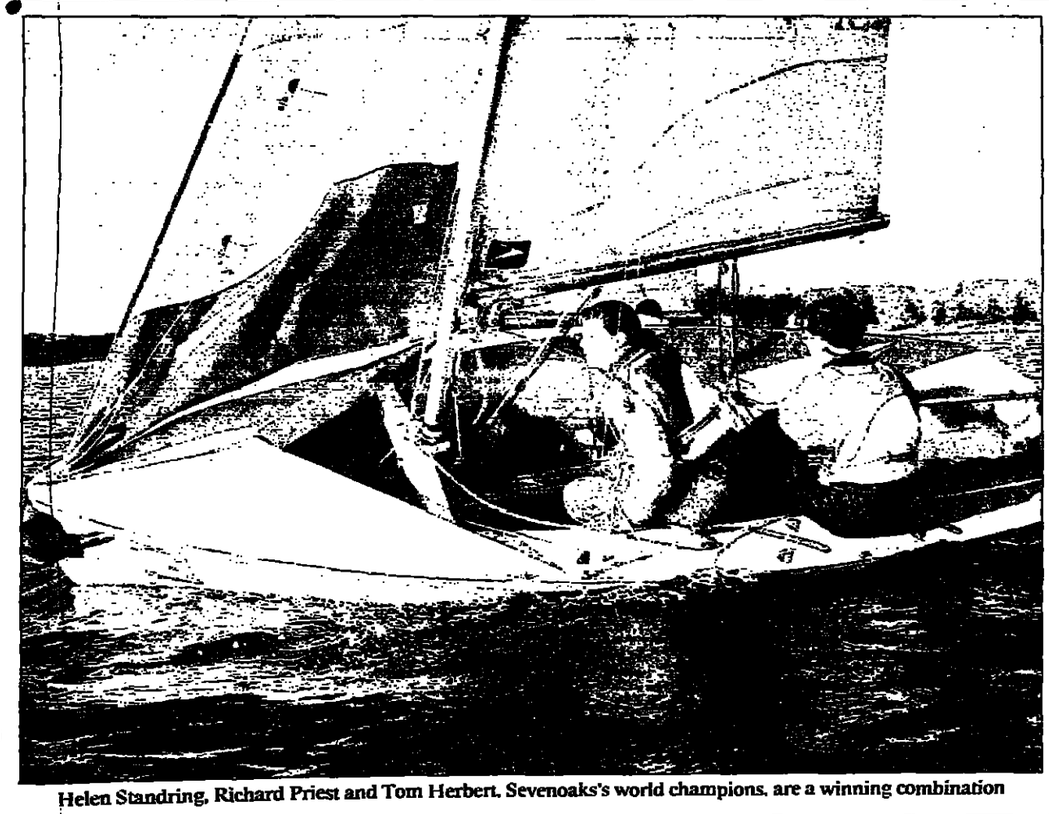
Week three: one 50-minute run; two 60-minute runs; one 85-minute run; one 50-minute fartlek session as above; one 180-minute run (or half marathon race); one rest day.

Week four: one 50-minute run; two 60-minute runs; one 85-minute run; one 50-minute fartlek session exactly the same as above; one 180-minute run (or half marathon race); one rest day.

MARC ASPLAND



Long, the Olympic marathon runner, and Neal. "The first thing I had to do was get out on the roads," Neal said



Helen Standring, Richard Priest and Tom Herbert, Sevenoaks's world champions, are a winning combination

Young sailors rule the waves

BRUCE Hebbert, the master of sailing at Sevenoaks School in Kent, barked orders at his world championship winning dinghy team like a sergeant major: "Gybe! Tack! Switch helms! Roll! Faster!"

In a breathtaking display of skill and co-ordination, three Sevenoaks dinghies rapidly circled our stationery motorboat. Booms and sails swung at an alarming speed, flashing dazzlingly in the bright sun.

With another volley of commands, the dinghies suddenly formed a neat line and gybed and tacked away with the gracefulness of ballerinas. It was an impressive show.

Sevenoaks School is proud of its sailing team. In July, the six-strong squad beat the United States to win the "world" schools team championship for the third time (Great Britain, Ireland and the United States take part). In the same month, they beat Pangbourne College to become United Kingdom champions for the fourth time. Then, Sevenoaks came twelfth out of 32 teams at a world ranking event for adults.

Anyone who has tried their hand at sailing, knows that it is not the easiest of sports to master. First lessons are very often the last lessons, accompanied with a painful bump on the back of the head from an unseen boom. How, then, have a bunch of GCSE and A level students become so good?

Hebbert believes that the secret of their success lies in hard work on the technical aspects of the sport at weekly sessions in front of the chalk board. In team sailing, in which two squads of three dinghies are normally pitted against each other, it is important to have a strong grip of the various devious ways one can carve up the opposition. Most victories come from using cunning to block out the opponent rather than straight out speed — Sevenoaks are Kasparovs in this field.

"It is a highly intellectual sport," Hebbert said. "Technical understanding of the mechanics of a dinghy is essential. Then, there are complicated racing rules to learn. Finally, a good racer must be aware of the best tactics. I have found that most students who are interested tend to be mathematicians and physicists — the sport is suited to scientific minds."

Sevenoaks, a co-educational independent school with 940 pupils, has a strong sailing tradition, stretching back to the 1950s. In 1986, it was instrumental in setting up the British Schools Dinghy Racing Association (BSDRA), which organises the annual team championships in which 65, mainly independent, schools took part last year. The BSDRA operates alongside the National Schools Sailing Association, a parallel organisation that is open to all schools and youth clubs.

SPORT IN SCHOOLS

Former students have gone on to compete nationally. Ian Walker, who left after A levels in 1989, captained the Cambridge University team and is now a leading Olympic hope.

Sevenoaks has 15 dinghies, each worth £5,000 new. In competitions, the students race in 420s, a class of dinghy so-called because the boats are 4.20 metres long.

Girls make up about a third of the squad and compete, Hebbert said, on equal terms with the boys. Helen Standring, 16, who was a member of the championship winning team last year, said: "I like the challenge of controlling the dinghy when it is going really fast. The 'worse' the conditions, the better. I even quite like capsizing, just for the fun of it."

New talent keeps coming through. Richard Priest, 17, the team captain, won the individual school sailing championship held at Itchenor, in West Sussex, in July, following in the footsteps of Walker, who won it in 1989.

Asked what it feels like to be world champions, the team was modest. Priest said: "It was a fantastic feeling when we won, but I don't know if we've really come to terms with being world champions yet." But he added: "We're definitely looking forward to doing it all again next season. We'll be hard to beat."

St George's beat Watford to maintain unbeaten record

BY JOHN GOODBODY

INFORMED and enthusiastic coaching is valuable at any level of school sport. However, it is particularly valuable at a very young age.

This was again exemplified at St George's College, Weybridge, Surrey, on Saturday, when the under-16 hockey team continued its unbeaten run which stretches back six years. These boys have gone 73 games without defeat — 71 wins and two draws.

They have already won the national indoor title this winter and hope to take the outdoor title in May. Their 2-0 victory over Watford GS was secured without Andrew Crow and Danny Hayden, their two outstanding players, who were attending an England schoolboys' training weekend.

"There is a colossal expectation about the boys playing hockey; they do not anticipate losing," Steve Hardy, the head of sport at St George's, said.

Many of the under-16 team began playing, some as young as seven, at Woburn Hill, the prep school attached to St George's, under the talented instruction of Tony Smith.

Hardy said: "Our hockey is based on possession, having the personal confidence to keep the ball and be confident on the ball. The boys are encouraged to develop a high level of individual skills.

"At this school, the pupils will play around with hockey balls in the playground as kids in other schools will kick a football. Hockey started at St George's 92 years ago, and it is believed that the annual fixture against Kingston GS, which has dominated the national under-18 age-group in recent years, is the oldest schoolboy fixture in the sport."

Like Kingston, St George's have their own all-weather surface. Hardy said: "The school would struggle in hockey without one, or at least having ready access to one. We can nip out at lunchtime for an extra practice. We can be out of classes and on to the pitch in seconds."

Six of the team which played on Saturday have represented Surrey and four were drafted into an under-18 team missing several players for the match against Watford in the morning, which Watford won 5-0.

In the afternoon, the Watford under-16 team, with four players who have represented Hertfordshire schools, shook St George's with a series of early attacks. However, Greg Kovic broke away to get the first goal and then Andrew Collin, upended when he was hurtling towards goal, converted a penalty stroke.

ST GEORGE'S COLLEGE: P O'Sullivan, P Burgess, R Metcalfe, S Burnett, T Clouston, G Berry, J Wood, G Jones, A Collin, G Kovic, M Lawson. Substitutes: D Sollanlar, N Ferran, M Dyer

WATFORD GRAMMAR SCHOOL: M Robinson, R Hodgkinson, I Pavitt, R Randhawa, R Eggleshield, R Morgan, M Friend, T Seaholme, C Edwards, E Lewsey, R Dutton. Substitute: J Rylott

Discovering right track to away-day bliss

CLEMENT FREUD



Afterthoughts

For the jobbing journalist, rugby internationals were always good for employment: the extra space which newspapers accorded the five nations' tournament did it. One Saturday, they published concise match reports in respect of Bath, Cardiff, London Irish and Leicester: the next, say with Wales at Twickenham, they would print a view of the action by the chief rugby correspondent and another by an elder statesman; a think-piece by a former international, a few paragraphs of "players' quotes", a profile of one of the participants and a colour piece by a columnist — me. With the exception of that last offering, one had to be rather knowledgeable about what went on ... unlike football.

Anybody could do football: who scored and when. Who was sent off and why. Where the result leaves the team and what will happen as a consequence. Which manager thought the referee needed glasses. Who was over the moon, who off to the vet with psittacosis. Add a paragraph about the weather, another concerning the behaviour and density of the crowd and you were there. Full point and end it. Go and have a drink in the directors' guests bar and look up the price of a first-class ticket to where you went, in order to massage expenses accordingly.

Rugby writers had to be knowledgeable because rugby readers demanded it, so the purple passages I wrote steadily dealt with ephemera rather than substance: like being the overthrow correspondent at cricket.

I enjoyed my time fulfilling these duties all of which, I recall, involved travel and drink: Cardiff — where before the Arms Park there were designated pubs in which one had "the usual" which, as often as not, was a dark beer with a livener.

Lansdowne Road, whither one progressed slowly, starting with coffee and brandy at the Maypole Dairy, followed by Guinness in the bar at Jury's, a plate of oysters at Jamay's, shared taxis and the hip flasks.

Murrayfield was more circumspect. The pre-match drinks were harder, the patriotism on the ground more intense and the celebrations, whichever way the game went, took place after, rather than before, the final whistle.

In the Fifties, I did my first piece from Paris: there was a special transport deal affordable to those on an average wage — which was well under £20 a week. The boat train at Victoria station was packed: some 300 of us ... and it was noticeable that more than 50 per cent were women, which came as a surprise. At home internationals, 95 per cent of the spectators were men.

We arrived at the Gard du Nord where coaches to the ground awaited us in the forecourt, but there was little demand. That in which I travelled contained five people, one of them *The Times* correspondent, U. A. Titley (U stood for Uel; Titley's father had been christened Samuel, and told his eldest son that as nobody had ever used the second half of his christian name, he would give it to him).

The game was well documented by my peers and I decided to devote my piece to women who watch rugby. In the train back, I made my way through the carriages to chat with those in transit to buffet car or lavatory.

Did you think our threequarters performed brilliantly? I asked one. She looked bemused. I tried it in French. She assured me she was English.

OK, I said, what did you think of the game? What game? You are on the rugby international excursion — that game.

She had gone to shop at Les Galeries Lafayette, a dainty luncheon in the Place Pigalle then the afternoon at Tuileries. I spoke to a dozen women. The flea market and Les Halles had been the favourite destinations, and yes, they always waited for the "special train deals" before embarking on these pleasurable outings.

☐ Last week, I mentioned a Billy Walker contest and named his opponent as Jack Gardner, market gardener, of Market Harborough. In the light of the title of this column, Walker's opponent on that far-off evening was Jack Bodell, swineherd, of Swadlincote. The blood on my programme which obliterated the boxers' names was definitely Walker's.

COVENTRY CITY
Flynn 26
Barley 36 (og)
13,429

Coventry City: S Pressley, A Pickering, Jenkinson (sub: R Booked: Morgan.

Chelsea: D Kharine, C Burley, E Johnsen, Wise, J Spencer, Booked: Kharine.
Referee: R Hart.

EVERTON
Stuart 42
Rideout 65

Everton: N Southall, Ablett, B Horne, J 25min), A Hinchcliffe Booked: Hinchcliffe

Norwich City: A M R Ullathorne, M B Crook, A Ward, M Booked: Polston.
Referee: A Wilkie

IPSWICH TOWN
15,570

Ipswich Town: C Thompson, A Tanner, S Sedgley, G Johnson Booked: Tanner.

Crystal Palace: N D Gordon, G Southgate, Armstrong (sub: R Booked: Patterson Sent off: Newman
Referee: S Lodge.

LEICESTER CITY
Robins 45
20,575

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BOLTON WDRS
Sneekes 9
Coleman 37
Phillips 60
Coyle 78
Thompson 83

BRISTOL CITY
Dryden 53
Bryant 66
Allison 83

BURNLEY
Harrison 85
10,960

DERBY COUNTY
Williams 24
Kavanagh 62
15,882

LUTON TOWN
Marshall 1, 80
6,903

MIDDLESBROUGH
17,982

MILLWALL
Kennedy 13
Roberts 75

SOUTHEND UNITED
4,914

STOKE CITY
9,704

SUNDERLAND
Ball 24
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TRANMERE ROVERS
Malkin 23, 58
Morrissey 65
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Brown 49
Joyce 88

LEYTON ORIENT
Warren 17, 35, 66
West 80

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Skinner 45
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SWANSEA CITY
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De Souza 7
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Bullimore 16
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Wilson 81

WIGAN ATHLETIC
Miller 85
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Third division: ... ampton), 90; Bo...

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First division: 22 (Tranmere) 17 (Tranmere). 15 McGinlay (Bolton) Foyle (Port Vale) (Sunderland); (Stoke, 12 for Sw...

Second division: Stewart (Bristol R) 19 Moody (Oxford) Goater (Rotherham United), Taylor (B...field) 15 Barnes (Cambridge Unit...

Third division: 18 (Barnet), 16 Wil... (Walsall), 14 Carr... Whitehall (Rochd... (Mansfield), W... (Barnet).

FOR THE RECORD

ATHLETICS

BIRMINGHAM: AAA indoor championships: Men: 60m: 1, M Rosswess (Birchfield) 6.63sec; 2, D Braithwaite (Haringey) 6.69; 3, J Fergus (Brentwood) 6.70. 200m: 1, S Wariso (Haringey) 20.87; 2, D Braithwaite (Haringey) 20.95; 3, A Condon (Sale) 21.32. 400m: 1, M Hylton (Windsor) 46.56; 2, B Whittle (Haringey) 47.26; 3, J Farraudiere (Birchfield) 47.28. 800m: 1, M Steele (Longwood) 1:49.17; 2, C Winrow (Wigan) 1:49.25; 3, E Calvert (Thames V) 1:50.15. 3,000m: 1, S Green (Trafford) 8min 08.71sec; 2, D Burrows (Birchfield) 8:09.08; 3, N Comerford (Cardiff) 8:09.64. 60m hurdles: 1, P Gray (Cardiff) 7.83sec; 2, B Taylor (O Gaytonians) 7.90; 3, N Owen (Belgrave) 7.93. Triple jump: 1, J Herbert (Haringey) 16.48m; 2, J Mackenzie (Belgrave) 16.07; 3, O Akinsanya (Peterboro) 15.43. High jump: 1, G Parsons (B Circle) 2.24m; 2, R Brocklebank (Blackburn) 2.07.
Women: 60m: 1, S Douglas (Sale) 7.25sec; 2, A McGillivary (Edinburgh WM) 7.36; 3, D Callow (IOW) 7.47. 200m: 1, J Agyepong (Shaftesbury) 24.22; 2, M Richardson (Windsor) 24.41; 3, S Oxley (Birchfield) 24.59. 400m: 1, M Neef (Glasgow) 52.82; 2, M Thomas (Birchfield) 54.50; 3, S McCann (Lisburn) 54.64. 800m: 1, A Hunte (unatt) 2:08.06sec; 2, A Molloy (Dundrum) 2:08.54; 3, J Mitchell (Croydon) 2:09.63. 1,500m: 1, L Gibson (Oxford) 4min 18.41sec; 2, M Faherty (Skyrac) 4:19.19; 3, S Griffiths (Cramlington) 4:20.84. 60m hurdles: 1, C Court (Birchfield) 8.22sec; 2, S Farquharson (Croydon) 8.29; 3, D Lewis (Birchfield) 8.49. Triple jump: 1, A Hansen (Essex) 13.61m; 2, R Kirby (Blackheath) 13.11; 3, E Finikin (Shaftesbury) 12.63. Pole vault: 1, K Staples (Essex) 3.80m (Commonwealth record); 2, L Stanton (Rotherham) 3.50; 3, R Clarke (Ipswich) 3.30.
STUTTGART: Indoor athletics meeting: Men: 200m: 1, J Regis (GB) 20.47. 400m: 1, D Hall (US) 45.82. 60m hurdles: 1, C Jackson (GB) 7.44; 3, T Jarrett (GB) 7.44. Women: 200m: 1, N Voronova (Russ) 22.80. 400m: 1, E Andreeva (Russ) 51.64. 60m hurdles: 1, P Girard (Fr) 8.05.
MAEBASHI: International indoor meeting: Selected result: Men: 60m: 1, L Christie (GB) 6.60sec.
TOURCOING: IAAF world cross-country challenge: Men (10km): 1, L Chege (Ken) 29min 28sec; 2, S Rono (Ken) 29.43; 3, L Zeroual (Mor) 29.46. Leading standings: 1, P Guerra (Por) 97pts; 2, I Kiru (Kenya) 72; 3, S Hissou (Mor) 60. Women (5.3km): 1, G Szabo (Rom) 16.26; 2, C McKiernan (Ire) 16.26; 3, E Fidatov (Rom) 16.35. Leading standings: 1, R Cheruiyot (Ken) 97; 2, McKiernan 91; 3, Fidatov 77.

BASKETBALL

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NBA): Cleveland 82 Indiana 73; Detroit 84 Atlanta 78; Boston 92 New Jersey 78; Dallas 119 Utah 98; Philadelphia 102 Milwaukee 98; San Antonio 97 Sacramento 96; LA Lakers 121 LA Clippers 118.
BUDWEISER LEAGUE: Derby 82 (Siemon 23, Gardiner 19, Gonda 13) Leicester 73 (Trevant 21, Waldron 15, Thomas 9); Hemel 95 (Koochof 27, Howard 25, Pringle 14) Thames V 109 (Bucknall 34, Holley 22, Austin 20); Sunderland 101 (Saunders 34, Douglas 24, Hopper 20) Chester 91 (Gardner 32, Johnson 17, Snead 15); Worthing 79 (Lewis 25, Nelson/Cunningham 17) London 89 (Windless 29, Lewis 22, Moore 15).

BIATHLON

LE GRAND-BORNAND: European championships: Men: 10km: 1, R Poiree (Fr) 23min 53.4sec; 2, G Marguet (Fr) 24:19.9; 3, O Ryshenkov (Bela) 24:23.2. Women: 7.5km: 1, C Niogret (Fr) 22.42.3; 2, K Apel (Ger) 23:11.2; 3, A Briand (Fr) 23:25.9.

BOWLS

NOTTINGHAM: National under-25 singles championship: Quarter-finals: R Newman (Whiteknights) 21 D Want (Peterboro) 10; S Airey (Cumbria) 21 R Sampson (Cumbria) 20; M Royal (M Suffolk) 21 A Croft (Hull) 15; L Gillett (C Norton) 21 N Skidmore (Rugby) 20. Semi-finals: Airey 21 Gillett 8; Newman 21, Royal 7. Final: Airey 21 Newman 18.
SWANSEA: Welsh indoors association: Test match: Wales bt Channel Islands 22-0.

BOXING

CARDIFF: World Boxing Organisation featherweight championship (12 rds): Steve Robinson (Cardiff, holder) bt Domingo Damigella (Arg) pts. Middleweight (8 rds): Robin Reid (Runcorn) bt Bruno Wuesenburghs (Belgium) rsc 1st. Middle (8 rds): Cornelius Carr (Middlesbrough) bt Colin Manners (Leeds) pts. Feather (8 rds): Colin McMillan (Barking) bt Harry Escott (Sunderland) pts. Light-middle (6 rds): Ryan Rhodes (Sheffield) bt Lee Crocker (Swansea) rsc 2nd. Light-welter (6 rds): Trevor Smith (Birmingham) bt Steve Burton (Pembroke) rsc 6th. Light (6 rds): Gareth Jordan (Monmouth) bt Mark O'Callaghan (Tonbridge Wells) rsc 2nd. Super-feather (6 rds): Dean Phillips (Swansea) bt Gary Upton (Teignmouth) pts. Light-welter (4 rds): P Ryan (Hackney) bt G Wilson (Camberwell) rsc 4th.

CASTELNAU-LE-LEZ: European light-welterweight championship (12 rds): Khalid Rahilou (Fr) bt Patrick Ballesta (Fr) rsc 7th.

CRESTA RUN

ST MORITZ: Bott cup: 1, U Burgerstein (Cz) 154.91; 2, R Kuhn (Cz) 156.67; 3, M Pitsch (Cz) 157.27; 5, W Smellie (GB) 158.38.

CRICKET

First Test match

Zimbabwe v Pakistan

HARARE (fourth day of five): Zimbabwe beat Pakistan by an innings and 64 runs

ZIMBABWE: First Innings 544-4 dec (G Flower 201 not out, A Flower 156, Whittall 113 not out).

PAKISTAN: First Innings

Aamir Sohail c Houghton b Brain	61
Saeed Anwar c A Flower b Olonga	8
Akram Raza c Whittall b Streak	19
Asif Mujtaba c Carlisle b Streak	2
*Salim Malik c Carlisle b Whittall	32
Ijaz Ahmed c G Flower b Streak	65
†Rashid Latif c Campbell b Whittall	6
Inzamam-ul-Haq c G Flower b Streak	71
Wasim Akram c Carlisle b Streak	27
Kabir Khan not out	2
Aqib Javed lbw b Streak	0
Extras (b 3, lb 4, w 9, nb 13)	29
Total (124 overs)	322

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-36, 2-82, 3-88, 4-131, 5-135, 6-151, 7-271, 8-317, 9-322.

BOWLING: Streak 39-11-90-6; Brain 27-49-4-1; Olonga 10-0-27-1; Whittall 29-10-49-2; Strang 15-5-45-0; Dekker 4-0-10-0.

Second Innings

Aamir Sohail c Campbell b Brain	5
Saeed Anwar lbw b Whittall	7
Asif Mujtaba b Brain	4
Salim Malik c A Flower b Brain	6
Ijaz Ahmed c Brain b Streak	2
Inzamam-ul-Haq c A Flower b Whittall	65
Rashid Latif c Houghton b Whittall	38
Wasim Akram c Dekker b Strang	19
Akram Raza not out	2
Kabir Khan b Streak	0
Aqib Javed b Streak	2
Extras (w 2, nb 6)	8
Total (62 overs)	158

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-16, 3-26, 4-29, 5-35, 6-131, 7-142, 8-156, 9-156.

BOWLING: Brain 16-4-50-3; Streak 11-4-15-3; Strang 19-7-35-1; Whittall 16-3-58-3.

Umpires: M J Kitchen (Eng) and I Robinson (Zim).

First Test match

New Zealand v West Indies

CHRISTCHURCH (third day of five): New Zealand have scored 221 runs with four first-innings wickets in hand against West Indies. No play yesterday

NEW ZEALAND: First Innings

B Young c Murray b Walsh	19
D Murray c Campbell b Ambrose	43
A Jones c Williams b K Benjamin	12
*K Rutherford c Murray b Ambrose	11
S Fleming c Lara b Walsh	56
S Thomson c W Benjamin b K Benjamin	20
†A Parore not out	34
M Hart not out	2
Extras (b 8, lb 3, nb 13)	24
Total (6 wkts, 87.3 overs)	221

D Nash, S Doull and D Morrison to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32, 2-63, 3-92, 4-97, 5-128, 6-210.

BOWLING: C Ambrose 22.3-10-38-2; C Walsh 22-4-48-2; W Benjamin 21-4-55-0; K Benjamin 17-5-56-2; S Chanderpaul 3-1-10-0; K Arthurton 2-0-3-0.

WEST INDIES: *C A Walsh, B C Lara, S C Williams, S L Campbell, K L T Arthurton, J C Adams, S Chanderpaul, †J R Murray, W K M Benjamin, C E L Ambrose, K C G Benjamin.

Third A international

India v England

CHANDIGARH (second day of five): England 84 runs behind India with three first-innings wickets in hand

INDIA: First Innings

V Rathore b Cork	0
G Khoda lbw Chapple	7
S Ganguly c Piper b Chapple	0
R Dravid lbw Cork	59
A Mazumdar b Chapple	31
R Shamshad b Patel	22
A Vaidya c Piper b Stemp	4
U Chatterjee b Chapple	20
P Mhambrey not out	42
K Singh c Johnson b Stemp	20
A Padmanabhan c Piper b Johnson	13
Extras (2 b, 7 lb, 1 nb, 1 w)	11
Total	229

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-3, 3-10, 4-56, 5-93, 6-102, 7-144, 8-156, 9-193.

BOWLING: Cork 16-8-32-2; Chapple 25-7-60-4; Stemp 31-8-51-2; Johnson 9.3-1-29-1; Patel 20-10-26-1; Weekes 11-1-22-0.

ENGLAND: First Innings

N V Knight b Singh	40
J E R Gallian c Vidya b Ganguly	11
D L Hemp c Dravid b Singh	19
A P Wells c Shamshad b Chatterjee	42
P N Weekes c Shamshad b Chatterjee	15
D G Cork b Mhambrey	9
K J Piper not out	7
G Chapple c Vidya b Mhambrey	0
R L Johnson not out	0
Extras (1 lb, 1 nb)	2
Total (7 wkts)	145

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-18, 2-47, 3-103, 4-119, 5-138, 6-143, 7-143.

BOWLING: Mhambrey 13-4-44-3; Ganguly 7-0-20-1; Padmanabhan 9-3-31-0; Singh 19-10-27-2; Chatterjee 16-3-22-2.

SHEFFIELD SHIELD (third day of four): Melbourne: Victoria 572-4 dec; South Australia 363 (J Brayshaw 76) and 26-1.
CASTLE CUP (third day of four): Cape Town: Northern Transvaal 272 and 192 for nine (D Payne 4-46). Western Province 296 (H Gibbs 79, P S de Villiers 6-47). Paarl: Boland 228 and 110 (P Emslie 4-37). Border 218 (S Palframan 53, B Stelling 4-12) and 61-1. Port Elizabeth: Natal 377 and 19 for 0. Eastern Province 218 (D Richardson 51, P Symcox 4-47) and 175 (Richardson 54). Natal won by 10 wickets. Bloemfontein: Orange Free State 181 and 332 (C Craven 78 not out; M Vandrau 5-79). Transvaal 164 and 148-8.
ST VINCENT: Under-19 one-day international: West Indies 180, England 178.

CYCLING

CYCLO-CROSS: BC-CA inter-area team championships (Reigate, 10 miles): 1, C Young (Yorkshire), 1hr 6min 0sec; 2, D Baker (Midlands), at 1.30; 3, T Gould (North West), at 1.50. Teams: 1, Midlands, 21 pts; 2, Yorkshire, 29; 3, North West, 49. Notts and Derbys League (Derby, 10 miles): 1, T Gould (Schwinn), 46.00. Northern Ireland championship (Bangor, 3 miles): 1, R Brownfield (West Down), 43.14.
TIME TRIALS: GS Stella (Funtington, 25 miles): 1, P Main (34 Nomads), 59.16 (event record). Team: GS Stella, 3:06:36. Kettering Friendly CC (Brigstock, 28 miles): 1, M Thomas (Coventry O), 1:04:24. Team: Coventry O, 3:29:14.

GOLF

PEBBLE BEACH: Men's tournament: Third round scores (US unless stated): 203: K Perry 68, 68, 67. 206: P Jacobsen 67, 73, 66; G Boros 69, 66, 71; B Faxon 70, 64, 72; D Duval 72, 67, 67. 207: N Faldo (GB) 66, 72, 69; P Stewart 71, 67, 69; D Love 66, 71, 71; E Aubrey 70, 69, 68. 208: J Nicklaus 71, 70, 67; T Watson 70, 65, 73; H Sutton 69, 69, 70. 209: J Adams 72, 66, 71; J Carter 70, 70, 69; R Mediate 70, 69, 70; B McCallister 70, 72, 67; A Magee 70, 69, 70; L Roberts 68, 72, 69; M Heinen 72, 67, 70; J Maggert 71, 68, 70.
PERTH: Men's tournament: Final scores (Australian unless stated): 278: R Allenby 73, 66, 67, 72. 279: W Smith 75, 71, 66, 67. 281: D Ecob 69, 71, 72, 70. 282: M Campbell (NZ) 73, 73, 69, 70. 284: S Conran 74, 70, 72, 70; B Hughes 69, 74, 71, 70; S Ogle 71, 72, 69, 72. 285: P O'Malley 72, 69, 72, 72. 286: M Clayton 71, 72, 71, 72; P Willis 73, 72, 69, 72; P McWhinney 74, 70, 70, 72; Craig Parry 72, 72, 69, 73. British scores: 290: P Garbutt 70, 74, 73, 73. 295: W Bennett (Eng) 70, 75, 73, 77.
PATHUM THANI: Men's tournament: Final scores: 271: T Hamilton (US) 68, 68, 70, 65; S Veriato (US) 70, 65, 67, 68 (Hamilton won play-off). 274: L Porter (US) 70, 69, 66, 69. 275: O Nordberg (Swe) 69, 69, 70, 67; M Cunning (US) 66, 72, 70, 67; R Daubs (US) 69, 69, 65, 72.

NORDIC SKIING

FALUN: Women's World Cup: 10km freestyle: 1, E Vaelbe (Russ) 53.39.7; 2, N Gavriljuk (Russ) at 0.8; 3, L Lasutina (Russ) 1.7. World Cup standings: 1, Vaelbe 796pts; 2, Gavriljuk 670; 3, Lasutina 446.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Philadelphia 4 Buffalo 2; Boston 5 Hartford 4; Pittsburgh 6 Tampa Bay 3; Quebec 2 New Jersey 0; Montreal 4 NY Islanders 2; NY Rangers 2 Ottawa 1; Washington 3 Florida 2; Winnipeg 3 San Jose 3; St Louis 7 Dallas 4; Calgary 4 Toronto 1; Los Angeles 4 Detroit 3.
BRITISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Basingstoke 8 Durham 2; Fife 7 Cardiff 4; Humberside 12 Whitley B 5; Nottingham 10 Edinburgh 2; Peterborough 2 Sheffield 6. First division: Dumfries 9 Blackburn 13; Lee V 4 Guildford 16; Paisley 11 Telford 7; Slough 10 Chelmsford 4; Swindon 13 Medway 5.

ICE SKATING

DORTMUND: European figure skating championships: Women: Final standings: 1, S Bonaly (Fr) 2.0pts; 2, O Markova (Russ) 2.5; 3, E Liashenko (Ukr) 7.5.

ROWING

PETERBOROUGH: Head of the Nene: Men: quad sculls: Nottingham and Union 11.23min. Coxless fours: Staines 11.31. Coxed fours: Thames 11.34. Double sculls: Poplar, Blackwall and District and Durham 11.35. Coxless pairs: Queen's College 12.43. Single sculls: Peterborough 12.53. Women: Quad sculls: Newark 13.59. Coxed fours: Thames Tradesmen 12.39. Double sculls: Walbrook 13.41. Single sculls: Thames Tradesman and McDougall-Smith 14.29.
EIGHTS HEAD: Men: Open: Lea 15.38. Senior I: Staines 16.28. Senior II: Nottingham 16.14. Senior III: Granta 16.03. Women: Open: Cambridge 18.02. Senior II: Imperial 18.18. Senior III: Cambridge 19.13. Novice: Emmanuel 19.50.

SKI JUMPING

FALUN: World Cup: Small hill: 1, E Bredesen (Nor) 224.0pts; 2, J Soininen (Fin) 222.5; 3, K Funaki (Japan) and N Itoh (Japan) 219.5. World Cup standings: 1, A Goldberger (Austria) 1,071pts.

SNOOKER

WEMBLEY: Masters: First round: J Higgins (Scot) bt T Drago (Malta) 5-3.

SWIMMING

PARIS: Short course World Cup: Men: 50m butterfly: 1, M Foster (GB) 23.80. 50m breaststroke: 1, M Warnecke (Ger) 27.68. 100m freestyle: 1, Foster 48.82. 100m backstroke: 1, T Schwenk (US) 54.21. 100m medley: 1, C Keller (Ger) 55.70. 200m breaststroke: 1, S Perrot (Fr) 2:10.89. 200m butterfly: 1, D Loader (NZ) 1:56.45. 400m freestyle: 1, A Kasvio (Fin) 3:44.00. 3, P Palmer (GB) 3:48.74. 400m medley: 1, L Sacchi (It) 4:12.86. Women: 50m freestyle: 1, R Elwan (Egypt) 25.47. 50m backstroke: 1, S Volker (Ger) 27.77. 100m breaststroke: 1, D Wade (Aus) 1:08.86. 100m butterfly: 1, P Thomas (Aus) 59.53. 200m freestyle: 1, M Moravcova (Slovak) 1:58.29. 200m backstroke: 1, M Jacobsen (Den) 2:10.31. 3, E Tatum (GB) 2:12.91. 200m medley: 1, D Hunger (Ger) 2:13.57. 800m freestyle: 1, I Esparza (Sp) 8:40.08.

TABLE TENNIS

DIJON: European championships: Men: Semi-finals: J-O Waldner (Swe) bt J-M Saive (Bel) 3-2; E Lindh (Swe) bt J-P Gatien (Fr) 3-2. Women: Semi-finals: O Badescu (Rom) bt J Schopp (Ger) 3-0; E Ciosu (Rom) bt N Struse (Ger) 3-1.

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: World group: First round: Naples: Italy bt Czech Republic 4-1 (Italy names first): A Gaudenzi lost to D Vacek 6-7, 4-6, 6-1, 6-7; R Furlan bt S Dosedel 4-6, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4; S Pescosolido and C Brandi bt C Suk and M Damm 6-2, 1-6, 7-6, 7-6; Gaudenzi bt Dosedel 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 6-2; Furlan bt Vacek 3-6, 7-6, 6-2. Copenhagen: Denmark level with Sweden 2-2 (Denmark names first): K Carlsen bt J Bjorkman 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4; F Fetterlein bt S Edberg 1-6, 7-5, 6-4, 6-3; Carlsen and M Christensen lost to J Apell and Bjorkman 7-6, 3-6, 4-6, 2-6; Carlsen lost to Edberg 6-2, 3-6, 2-6, 6-7. Vienna: Austria bt Spain 4-1 (Austria names first): G Schaller lost to S Bruguera 1-6, 2-6, 2-6; T Muster bt C Costa 6-4, 6-4, 6-4; Muster and A Antonitsch bt Bruguera and E Sanchez 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3; Muster bt Bruguera 6-4, 7-5, 6-3; Antonitsch bt Costa 6-4, 6-4. Durban: Australia lead South Africa 2-1 (Australia names first): P Rafter bt M Ondruska 6-3, 6-4, 2-6, 6-4; M Woodforde lost to W Ferreira 6-7, 5-7, 3-6; T Woodbridge and Woodforde bt Ferreira and P Norval 7-5, 6-3, 7-6. Antwerp: Russia lead Belgium 3-0 (Russia names first): A Chesnokov bt F Dewulf 6-4, 6-4, 7-5; Y Kafelnikov bt K Goossens 4-6, 6-4, 8-3, 6-4; Kafelnikov and A Olhovskiy bt L Pimek and Dewulf 2-6, 7-5, 7-5, 6-3. Geneva: Holland bt Switzerland 4-1 (Holland names first): J Eltingh bt M Rosset 4-6, 3-2, ret; R Krajicek lost to J Hlasek 6-4, 1-6, 3-6, 4-6; Eltingh and P Haarhuis bt Hlasek and L Manta 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4; Krajicek bt Manta 6-4, 6-4, 6-2; J Siemerink bt P Mohr 6-4, 6-3. Karlsruhe: Germany bt Croatia 4-1 (Germany names first): M Stich bt G Ivanisevic 7-6, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4; B Becker bt S Hirszon 6-4, 6-1, 6-3; Becker and Stich bt Ivanisevic and Hirszon 6-4, 7-6, 7-5; Stich bt Hirszon 7-6, 7-6; M Zoecke lost to G Ivanisevic 4-6, 6-7. St Petersburg, Florida: United States lead France 2-1 (US names first): T Martin lost to C Pioline 7-5, 6-2, 6-4; J Courier bt G Forget 6-1, 6-2, 6-2; R Reneberg and J Palmer bt Forget and O Delaitre 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
ASIA-OCEANIA ZONE: First round: Wellington: New Zealand bt Taiwan 5-0. Seoul: South Korea bt Indonesia 5-0. Manila: Philippines bt Japan 3-2. Calcutta: India bt Hong Kong 4-1. Lahore: China bt Pakistan 3-2. Bangplee: Thailand bt Malaysia 4-1. Doha: Uzbekistan bt Qatar 5-0. Colombo: Sri Lanka bt Iran 3-2.
AMERICA ZONE: First round: Caracas: Venezuela lead Uruguay 3-0. Buenos Aires: Argentina lead Chile 2-1. Rio De Janeiro: Brazil lead Bahamas 3-0. Mexico City: Mexico lead Peru 2-1. Guatemala City: Guatemala lead Bolivia 3-0. Guayaquil: Ecuador lead Cuba 2-1. Port au Prince: Canada lead Haiti 2-1. Asuncion: Colombia lead Paraguay 2-1.

VOLLEYBALL

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Men: First division: Mackay Pentland 1 Blantyre 3; McGregor Glazing 3 Dundee 1; Kilmarnock 3 Fife 0; Rucanor 1 Cardinals 3; Glasgow R 3 Paisley T 1. Women: First division: Grangeburn 3 Blantyre 0; Hazlehead 3 Pentland 0; Ayrshire K 3 Whitburn 0; Rucanor 3 Edinburgh U 0; Cardinals 3 Paisley P 0.

RACING

SANDOWN PARK

Going: heavy (soft in places)

1.20 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Amancio (M Perrett, 9-2); 2, Bayanyka (7-4 fav); 3, Sophie May (5-1). 11 ran. 8l, 5l. G Harwood. Tote: £5.70; £2.40, £1.30, £1.70. DF: £6.20. Trio: £7.00. CSF: £11.85.

1.50 (2m ch) 1, Uncle Ernie (J Osborne, 5-2); 2, Cyphrate (7-2); 3, Kibreet (3-1). Thumbs Up 2-1 fav. 5 ran. 1¼l, sh hd. Jimmy Fitzgerald. Tote: £3.00; £1.60, £2.20. DF: £5.70. CSF: £10.95.

2.25 (2m 110yd hdle) 1, Land Afar (G McCourt, 2-1, Thunderer's nap); 2, Absalom's Lady (6-4 fav); 3, Bokaro (14-1). 7 ran. 7l, 8l. J Webber. Tote: £3.20; £1.90, £1.50. DF: £3.30. CSF: £5.03.

3.00 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Banjo (A Maguire, 11-4); 2, High Baron (5-4 fav); 3, Tug Of Peace (14-1). 6 ran. Dist, 30l. M Pipe. Tote: £3.10; £1.30, £1.30, £2.40. DF: £3.30. CSF: £6.32.

3.35 (3m 110yd ch) 1, Deep Bramble (C Maude, 6-1); 2, Superior Finish (6-1); 3, Whispering Steel (9-2). Royal Athlete 4-1 fav. 11 ran. 5l, ¾l. P Nicholls. Tote: £7.20; £2.60, £1.60, £2.00. DF: £38.50. Trio: £36.30. CSF: £38.52. Tricast: £180.34.

4.10 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Miracle Man (Peter Hobbs, 3-1 fav); 2, Olympian (12-1); 3, Meditator (8-1). 12 ran. 10l, ¾l. C Weedon. Tote: £4.20; £1.80, £4.00, £2.90. DF: £45.30. Trio: £60.80. CSF: £36.96. Tricast: £243.28.

4.40 (2m 6f hdle) 1, Native Alliance (J Lower, 6-1); 2, Funetto (3-1); 3, Millmount (9-2). Freddie Muck 2-1 fav. 15 ran. 10l, 6l. M Pipe. Tote: £6.70; £2.60, £1.50, £1.90. DF: £12.00. CSF: £25.04.

Jackpot: £6,044.30.
Placepot: £24.70. Quadpot: £6.20.

WETHERBY

1.10 1, Blackpatch Hill (3-1 fav); 2, Circus Line (10-1); 3, Tico Gold (16-1). 15 ran.
1.40 1, Dual Image (9-2); 2, Counterbalance (3-1); 3, Seagull Hollow (8-1). High Altitude 5-4 fav. 5 ran. NR: Annie Kelly.
2.10 1, Buta Nuday (100-30); 2, Cool Weather (11-2); 3, Rustic Sunset (11-8 fav). 5 ran.
2.40 1, Squire Silk (6-1); 2, Cumbrian Challenge (13-2); 3, Daring Past (8-1). Native Worth 3-1 fav. 11 ran.
3.15 1, Teaplanter (4-5 fav); 2, Once Stung (5-1); 3, Nick The Brief (14-1). 7 ran.
3.45 1, Heliopsis (5-1); 2, Young Ty (14-1); 3, Peanuts Pet (9-1). Ivy House 4-1 fav. 14 ran.

LINGFIELD PARK

1.50 1, Bon Secret (10-1); 2, Superlao (8-1); 3, Sison (16-1). Little Saboteur 5-4 fav. 6 ran.
2.20 1, Words Of Wisdom (3-1); 2, Mylinka (8-1); 3, Rockstine (7-2). King Parrot 11-4 fav. 12 ran.
2.50 1, Ultimate Warrior (11-4); 2, Song Of Years (2-5 fav); 3, Thornlwama (25-1). 7 ran.
3.20 1, Digpast (11-4 jt-fav); 2, Ragazzo (9-1); 3, Profit Release (4-1). Maid Welcome 11-4 jt-fav. 7 ran.
3.55 1, Our Shadee (5-1); 2, Sweet Whisper (5-1); 3, Carte Blanche (6-1). Prince Rudolf 4-1 fav. 14 ran.
4.25 1, Head Turner (2-1 fav); 2, Hartaafeh (5-2); 3, Princely Gait (3-1). 6 ran.

WOLVERHAMPTON

7.00 1, Donia (12-1); 2, First Century (11-2); 3, Mam'zelle Angot (5-2 fav). 10 ran. NR: Shy Paddy.
7.30 1, Royal Citizen (11-2); 2, Lone Risk (3-1); 3, Acrow Line (10-1). Crown Prosecutor 13-8 fav. 7 ran.
8.00 1, Chadwell Hall (9-2); 2, Four Of Spades (3-1 jt-fav); 3, Heathyards Lady (3-1 jt-fav). 10 ran.
8.30 1, Forgotten Empress (1-2 fav); 2, Sand Star (12-1); 3, Dynamis (8-1). 9 ran. NR: Nuthatch.
9.00 1, Off The Air (7-4 fav; Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Ivan The Terrible (8-1); 3, Sharp Gazelle (11-4). 7 ran.
9.30 1, Awestruck (10-1); 2, Scalp 'Em (5-2 fav); 3, Premier Dance (11-4). 12 ran.

POINT-TO-POINT

Saturday

NEW FOREST FOXHOUNDS (Larkhill): Confined: 1, Celtic Spark (P Henley, 5-1); 2, Woodbury Fair; 3, Roc De Prince. 22 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, J B Lad (Miss P Gundry, 5-1); 2, Heather Boy; 3, Around And About. 15 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Rightsaidfred (P Bull, 4-1); 2, Gawcott Wood; 3, Sulan. 13 ran. Open Mdn III: 1, Kilyman (Miss P Curling, 3-1); 2, Sybillabee; 3, Professor Longhair. 14 ran. Open Mdn IV: 1, Chilchay Chocolate (Miss P Curling, 4-6 fav); 2, Black Joker; 3, Tudor Beacon. 15 ran. Mixed Open: 1, Qualified (Mrs L Boscawen, 3-1); 2, Tubbs; 2, Fosbury. 17 ran. Rest I: 1, Lets Rumble (P Henley, 7-1); 2, Good For Business; 3, Nether Gobions. 17 ran. Rest II: 1, Now We Know (J Pritchard, 1-2 fav); 2, Kinesiology; 3, Roaming Shadow. 15 ran. PPOA I: 1, Cool Dawn (Miss D Harding, 2-5 fav); 2, Sorrel Hill; 3, Carly's Castle. 8 ran. PPOA II: 1, What A Hand (Miss P Curling, 9-4); 2, Proud Sun; 3, Deer Fencer. 17 ran.

NORTH CORNWALL (Wadebridge): Hunt: 1, My Main Man (J Culloty, 4-7 fav); 2, Rathmichael; 3, Try It Alone. 5 ran. Open: 1, Faithful Star (D Pipe, 9-4); 2, The Jogger; 3, Snowy Lane. 7 ran. Ladies: 1, Lady Llantair (Miss P Jones, 7-4); 2, Searcy; 3, Ewhonosebest. 4 ran. Rest: 1, Space Camp (Miss L Blackford, 7-4 fav); 2, The Kimbler; 3, Stoke Hand. 9 ran. Confined: 1, Bootscraper (A Farrant, 5-4 fav); 2, Bold Accord; 3, Tranquil Waters. 8 ran. Intermediate: 1, Little Coombe (R Cole, 3-1); 2, Searcher; 3, Lucky Ole Son. 5 ran. Open Mdn I: 1, Sherbrooks (M Hoskins, 12-1); 2, Dharamshala; 3, Conna Moss. 12 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Full Alirt (Miss S Young, 4-1); 2, Northlands Way; 3, But Not Quite. 14 ran.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY HUNT CLUB (Kingston Blount): Confined: 1, Met Station (F Brennan, 14-1); 2, Sevens Out; 3, St Laycar. 13 ran. Open: 1, Fine Lace (G Tarry, 6-4 fav); 2, Bright Burns; 3, Tryumphant Lad. 11 ran. Ladies: 1, Thamesdown Tootsie (Miss V Lyon, 10-1); 2, Green Archer; 3, Maid To Match. 17 ran. Hunt: 1, Scrumpy Country (C Marriott, Evens fav); 2, Grecian Saint; 3, Snowfire Chap. 5 ran. Rest I: 1, Wayside Boy (A Phillips, 33-1); 2, Tattlejack; 3, Pancratic. 16 ran. Rest II: 1, Orchestral Suite (J Trice-Rolph, 7-4); 2, Era's Imp; 3, Rolled Oats. 10 ran. Mdn I: 1, Doordalis (B Hodkin, 6-1); 2, Miss Isle; 3, Tenella's Last. 11 ran. Mdn II: 1, Penlet (John Pritchard, 7-4 fav); 2, Yquem; only 2 finished. 8 ran.

THURLOW (Horseheath): Confined: 1, Manor Mieo (A Coe, 4-7 fav); 2, Old Dundalk; 3, Horace. 14 ran. Open: 1, Colonial Kelly (P Hacking, 9-4); 2, River Melody; 3, Blakes Orphan. 12 ran. Ladies: 1, Richard Hunt (Miss L Rowe, 2-5 fav); 2, Dromin Leader; 3, Ballyandrew. 9 ran. Rest I: 1, Loyal Note (S R Andrews, 6-4 fav); 2, Harmony Walk; 3, Tenelord. 13 ran. Rest II: 1, Asphaltino (T Marks, 10-1); 2, Copper Thistle; 3, The Right Kind. 11 ran. Open Mdn (Div I): 1, Bartags Brother (S R Andrews, 7-4 fav); 2, Pendil's Pleasure; 3, Ballysheil Star. 11 ran. Open Mdn II: 1, Busters Sister (G Cooper, 1-2 fav); 2, Deep Moss; 3, Winter Wheel. 10 ran. Open Mdn III: 1, Half A Sov (S R Andrews, 4-5 fav); 2, Statfold Supreme; 3, Celtic Hawk. 5 ran. Hunt: 1, Way Of Life (J Ferguson, 2-5 fav); 2, Sunset Run, only 2 finished. 3 ran.

Yesterday

WEST PERCY AND MILVAIN (Alnwick): Hunt: 1, Washakee (J Walton, 7-2); 2, Farmer's Hay; 3, Whinstone Mill. 5 ran. Rest: 1, Country Tarrogen (N Wilson, 6-4 fav); 2, Hidden Island; 3, Donovans Reef. 19 ran. Ladies: 1, Miniberg (Miss P Robson, 7-1); 2, Across The Lake; 3, Able Player. 16 ran. Open: 1, Mandika (C Wilson, 33-1); 2, Political Issue; 3, Shilgrove Place. 9 ran. Confined: 1, Royal Stream (A Parker, Evens fav); 2, Hardihero; 3, Buckle It Up. 11 ran. Mdn I, pt I: 1, Master Mischief (J Walton, 5-2); 2, Qualitair Son; 3, Farmers Favourite. 10 ran. Mdn I, pt II: 1, Ask Antony (N Wilson, 7-4 fav); 2, Tom Log; 3, Politico Pot. 10 ran. Mdn II: 1, Wudimp (C Storey, 7-4fav); 2, Donside; 3, Bogarts Disco. 17 ran.

HOCKEY

MEN'S NATIONAL LEAGUE

FIRST DIVISION: Canterbury 1 Hounslow 0; Guildford 9 Slough 3; Indian Gymkhana 3 Trojans 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
O Loughtn's	8	6	1	1	24	11	19
Teddington	8	6	0	2	24	11	18
Southgate	9	5	3	1	26	14	18
Cannock	7	5	2	0	25	6	17
Surbiton	9	5	2	2	16	9	17
Hounslow	9	5	2	2	17	11	17
Guildford	9	5	1	3	30	16	16
Reading	9	5	1	3	16	13	16
Indian Gym	11	4	2	5	18	24	14
East Grinstead	9	4	1	4	18	14	13
Havant	8	3	2	3	13	15	11
Canterbury	10	2	4	4	16	19	10
Stourport	8	2	2	4	11	16	8
Trojans	10	2	2	6	13	25	8
Bournville	9	2	2	5	12	24	8
Hull	9	2	1	6	9	26	7
Slough	10	1	2	7	12	35	5
Firebrands	8	1	0	7	7	18	3

NEW DELHI: Indira Gandhi Gold Cup: Group A: England 0 Kazakhstan 1; India 2 Malaysia 1. Group B: South Korea 4 South Africa 3; Australia 5 Poland 0.

NASTRO AZZURRO LEAGUE: Premier League: Anchorians 1 Fareham 2; Chichester 1 City Of Portsmouth 3; High Wycombe 4 Ashford 0; Lyons 3 Lewes 1; Old Kingstonians 2 Gore Court 1; Old Whitgiftians 3 Maidenhead 6; Spencer 4 Oxford Hawks 3; Staines 3 Dulwich 2; Wimbledon 6 Old Walcountians 1; Woking 2 Winchester 0. Regionals: Kent/Sussex: Belvedere 2 Greenwich 1; Blackheath 2 Bexleyheath 1; Brighton 1 Bognor 1; Crawley 2 Tunbridge Wells 3; Gravesend 0 Beckenham 3; Herne Bay 2 Tulse Hill 0; Horsham 0 Old Holcombeians 0; Marden Russets 0 Mid Sussex 2; Middleton 0 Sevenoaks 1; Old Bordonians 0 Williamsonians 3. Middx/Berks/Bucks and Oxon: City Of Oxford 0 Headington 0; Eastcote 4 Amersham 0; Gerrards Cross 0 Wokingham 1; Hayes 4 Richings Park 1; HCC 1 Sunbury 0; Hendon 6 Aylesbury 1; Marlow 3 Bracknell 2; Mill Hill 2 Ramgarhia 7; Milton Keynes 2 OMT 0; Newbury 3 PHC Chiswick 1.

SUN LIFE LEAGUE: Premier division: Bath Buccaneers 3 Weston-super-Mare 1; Swansea 1 Hereford 1; Taunton Vale 0 Plymouth 2; West Glos 3 Exeter University 1; West Wilts 1 Cheltenham 2.

NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Hightown-Northern 3 Blackburn 1; Norton 3 Harrogate 1; Stockton 1 Southport 3; Timperley 2 Ben Rhydding 1; Warrington 2 Formby 1.

NORWICH UNION EAST LEAGUE: Premier division A: Bishop's Stortford 1 Blueharts 2; Colchester 1 Dereham 0; Ipswich 6 Luton 2; Peterborough Town 4 Cambridge University 0; Redbridge and Ilford 1 Chelmsford 1. Premier division B: Bedford 6 Pelicans 2; Bury St Edmunds 5 Romford 1; Old Southendian 1 Ipswich and East Suffolk 0; Stevenage 1 Sudbury 2; Westcliff 2 Norwich City 3.

DTZ DEBENHAM THORPE LEAGUE: Premier division: Hampton-in-Arden 3 Lichfield 2; Harbourne 2 Bloxwich 0; Khalsa 2 Leicester Westleigh 1; Nottingham 4 North Notts 3; Olton and West Warwickshire 3 Belper 1.

WOMEN

CRYSTAL PALACE: English indoor championship: Group A: Slough 8 Chelmsford 2; FP Sutton Coldfield 2 Portishead 1. Group B: Woking 1 Olton 2; Hightown 7 Ipswich 1.

CRYSTAL PALACE: English women's indoor championships: Group A: Slough 6 Chelmsford 2, Sutton Coldfield 2 Portishead 1, Doncaster 1 Slough 4; Chelmsford 7 Portishead 3; Doncaster 3 Sutton Coldfield 0; Slough 12 Portishead 0; Chelmsford 3 Doncaster 5; Sutton Coldfield 2 Slouth 8. Portishead 2 Doncaster 4; Sutton Coldfield 2 Chelmsford 3. Final standings: 1, Slough 12pts; 2, Doncaster 9; 3, Chelmsford 6. Group B: Woking 1 Olton 2; Hightown 7 Ipswich 1; St Austell 1 Woking 6; Ipswich 3 Olton 2; Hightown 8 St Austell 3; Woking 2 Ipswich 6; Olton 6 St Austell 2; Hightown 8 Woking 2, Ipswich 10 St Austel 1; Hightown 5 Olton 0. Final standings: 1, Hightown 12; 2, Ipswich 9; 3, Olton 6. Semi-finals: Slough 4 Ipswich 2; Hightown 4 Doncaster 0. Final: Hightown 4 Slough 2.

SCHOOLS SPORT



Collins, of St George's, is brought down for a penalty by the Watford Grammar School goalkeeper in their match on Saturday. St Georges, from Weybridge, went on to win 2-0. Photograph: Julian Herbert

Rugby Union

City of London Freemen's 29 Lancing 5
Cooper's Coborn 25 Gravesend GS 3
Guildford RGS 45 St John's, Leatherhead 7
King's 23 St Edward's 14
Notts HS 20 Leeds GS 6
Sutton and Epsom 55 INSA (Lyon) 19
Wallington 14 John Fisher 43
Warwick 25 O Swindford 13
West Buckland 12
Queen Elizabeth, Bristol 8

Football

Representative match
England under-18 1
Loughborough College 2
FA Premier League Trophy: Under-16
Greater Manchester 2 Lancashire 2
English Snickers Trophy: Under-19
Monkseaton HSI, Northumberland 7
Hartlepool SFC, Cleveland 2
English Wimbledon Trophy: Quarter-final
St Augustine's Canterbury 1 North Kent 2
Brook Cup
Islington 7 Hackney 0
Batchelor Cup
Harrow 1 Ealing 0
Kent Cup
Bexley 2 Dover 2
Essex Smeathers Trophy: Under-16
Thurrock 0 Barking 11
Hobbs Cup
South Northants 1 Vale of White Horse 6
Burton Shield
Stoke 2 Wolverhampton East 2
Alder Cup
Sefton 4 Tameside 0
Chester 5 South Cheshire 2
Snowdon Cup: Under-14
Wirral 6 St Helens 1
Kirkby Knowsley 6 Mid Cheshire 2
Woodward Cup: Quarter-final
Burnley 3 Salford 2
Inter-Association
Barnsley 0 Sheffield 4
Halton 1 Huddersfield 1
Nottingham 0 Rotherham 4
Welsh Shield: Under-15: Quarter-final
Wrexham 3 Kirkby Knowsley 0

WORKSOP: English Schools Midlands Sevens final: Group A: Derby 2 Gedling 1, Telford 2 Redditch 1, Mid Leicester 1 Derby 0, Gedling 0 Telford 0, Redditch 1 Mid Leicester 3, Derby 0 Telford 0, Gedling 0 Mid Leicester 3, Derby 0 Redditch 1; Telford 1 Mid Leicester 0, Gedling 0 Redditch 2. Group B: Boston 0 East Riding 1; Newcastle-under-Lyme 1 Solihull 1, Central Warwicks 2 Boston 1, East Riding 1 Necastle 0; Solihull 4 Central Warwicks 0, Boston 1 Newcastle 2, East Riding 2 Central Warwicks 0; Solihull 3 Boston 0; Newcastle 4 Central Warwicks 1, East Riding 0 Solihull 1. Semi-finals: Mid Leicester 0 East Riding 0 (East Riding won 3-2 on pens); Solihull 1 Telford 3. Final: Telford 0 East Riding 0 (aet Telford won 4-2 on pens).

Hockey

CRYSTAL PALACE: English women's schools indoor championships
Group A
Friday
Coopers Coborn 3 Wycombe High 1
Gordano 2 Bromsgrove 0
Sir John Deane's 3 Coopers Coborn 1
Wycombe 0 Gordano 4
Bromsgrove 6 Deane's 3
Saturday
Gordano 4 Coopers Coborn 2
Bromsgrove 5 Wycombe High 0
Gordano 5 Sir John Deane's 1
Bromsgrove 2 Coopers Coborn 0
Wycombe 2 Sir John Deane's 0
Group B
Friday
Fareham College 1 Queen Elizabeth's Grammar 1
Dame Alice Harpur 2 St Austell College 1
Archbishop Beck 0 Fareham 4
Queen Elizabeth 0 Harpur 3
St Austell 5 Beck 0
Saturday
Fareham 2 Dame Alice Harpur 2
Queen Elizabeth's Grammar 4 St Austell College 2
Dame Alice Harpur 5 Archbishop Beck 0
Fareham 1 St Austell College 0
Archbishop Beck 2 Queen Elizabeth's Grammar 2
Semi-finals
Gordano 4 Fareham 2
Dame Alice Harpur 2 Bromsgrove 0
Final
Gordano 3 Dame Alice Harpur 0
Other matches
Charterhouse 1 Radley 0
Dean Close 8 Monkton Combe 2
Merchant Taylor's 4 St Albans 0
Queen's, Taunton 3 King's, Taunton 0
St George's, Weybridge 2 Watford GS 0
Silcoates 0 OEGS Wakefield 24

Lacrosse

WINCHESTER: Women's junior territorial tournament: Final standings: 1, East 8pts; 2, Midlands 7; 3, North 6; 4, South 5; 5, West 2; 6, Wales 2.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Stones Bitter Championship

First division

Featherstone 22 Wakefield 15
Featherstone: Tries: Hughes, Southernwood, Tuuta. Goals: Aston 5. Wakefield: Try: Child. Goals: Wright 5. Drop Goal: Wright. Att: 4,097

Halifax 24 Salford 27
Halifax: Tries: Smith 3, Munro, Schuster. Goals: Schuster 2. Salford: Tries: Naylor 2, Critchley, Panapa, Tyrer. Goals: A Gregory 3. Drop Goal: A Gregory. Att: 5,294

Oldham 19 Hull 14
Oldham: Tries: Abram, Crompton. Goals: Marsh 4, Topping. Drop Goal: Marsh. Hull: Tries: Busby, Hewitt, Jackson. Goal: Hewitt. Att: 3,226

Sheffield 35 St Helens 31
Sheffield: Tries: Broadbent, Farrell, Powell, Price, Sheridan, Stott. Goals: Briggs 5. Drop Goal: Briggs. St Helens: Tries: Cooper, Ella, Haigh, Lyon, Sullivan, Veivers. Goals: Sullivan 3. Drop Goal: Veivers. Att: 3,200

Warrington 68 Doncaster 20
Warrington: Tries: Davies 3, Harris 2, Barlow, Bateman, Bennett, Darbyshire, Forster, Mackey, Penny, Tees. Goals: Davies 8. Doncaster: Tries: Neal 2, Miller. Goals: Green 4. Att: 3,921

Wigan 46 Castleford 6
Wigan: Tries: Offiah 3, Connolly 2, Cowie, Radlinski. Goals: Botica 9. Castleford: Try: Hay. Goal: Crooks. Att: 14,515

Workington 32 Bradford 14
Workington: Tries: Burns 3, Drummond, Mulligan, Pape. Goals: Marwood 4. Bradford: Tries: Hall, McDermott. Goals: Fox 3. Att: 3,953

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wigan	19	18	0	1	686	258	36
Leeds	20	17	1	2	596	343	35
Halifax	20	15	1	4	539	346	31
Bradford	21	13	1	7	536	382	27
St Helens	21	13	1	7	565	423	27
Warrington	20	12	1	7	496	360	25
Castleford	19	11	2	6	532	377	24
Oldham	19	8	1	10	361	458	17
Sheffield	20	8	0	12	390	500	16
Salford	19	7	1	11	397	450	15
Workington	20	7	1	12	343	509	15
Wakefield	20	7	0	13	296	502	14
Featherstone	20	5	1	14	394	463	11
Doncaster	20	5	1	14	334	603	11
Widnes	18	4	1	13	302	452	9
Hull	20	3	1	16	364	575	7

Second division

Barrow 8 Batley 10
Highfield 12 Dewsbury 68
Hull K R 22 Huddersfield 22
Hunslet 25 Rochdale 18
Keighley 24 Bramley 8
Leigh 16 Ryedale York 42
Swinton 40 Carlisle 18

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Keighley	19	16	1	2	619	222	33
Whitehaven	19	14	0	5	516	332	28
Batley	20	14	0	6	433	360	28
Dewsbury	19	13	0	6	521	280	26
London Broncos	20	13	0	7	452	305	26
Hull K R	20	12	1	7	589	290	25
Huddersfield	20	12	1	7	504	332	25
Rochdale	20	12	0	8	509	390	24
Ryedale York	20	10	1	9	490	399	21
Leigh	20	10	0	10	439	446	20
Hunslet	20	9	0	11	388	544	18
Swinton	20	8	0	12	402	550	16
Bramley	19	6	0	13	364	371	12
Carlisle	20	4	0	16	323	625	8
Barrow	20	2	0	18	256	589	4
Highfield	20	1	0	19	142	1012	2

SYDNEY: Coca-Cola World Sevens: Quarter-finals: Manly-Warringah 12 St George 6, Newcastle Knights 24 Brisbane Broncos 20, Fiji 28 New Zealand 8, Western Samoa 16 Gold Coast Seagulls 12. Semi-finals: Manly-Warringah 28 Newcastle Knights 8, Fiji 16 Western Samoa 10. Final: Manly-Warringah 36 Fiji 12. Trophy Competition (for first-round runners-up): Semi-finals: Sydney Bulldogs 30 North Sydney 10; Sydney Tigers 18 Papua New Guinea 4. Final: Sydney Tigers 20 Sydney Bulldogs 12. Plate (for first-round losers): Semi-finals: Tonga 24 Morocco 6, United States 28 Russia 8. Final: Tonga 20 United States 4.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE: Premier division: Askam 28 Egremont 32; Heworth 36 Dudley Hill 14; Leigh M W 12 Hemel Hempstead 26; Mayfield 12 Woolston 30; Saddleworth 10 Wigan St Patricks 4.
AMATEUR YOUTH INTERNATIONAL: Great Britain 18 France 24 (at Wholehaven).
AMATEUR INTERNATIONAL: Great Britain 10 France B 20 (at Hull).

RUGBY UNION

Five nations' championship

England 31 France 10
England: Tries: T Underwood 2, Guscott. Cons: Andrew 2. Pens: Andrew 4. France: Try: Viars. Con: Lacroix. Pen: Lacroix.

Scotland 26 Ireland 13
Scotland: Tries: Cronin, Joiner. Cons: G Hastings 2. Pens: G Hastings 4. Ireland: Tries: Bell, Mullin. Pen: Burke.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	2	2	0	0	51	18	4
Scotland	1	1	0	0	26	13	2
France	2	1	0	1	31	40	2
Wales	1	0	0	1	9	21	0
Ireland	2	0	0	2	21	46	0

MATCHES PLAYED: January 21: France 21 Wales 9, Ireland 8 England 20.
MATCHES TO COME: February 18: France v Scotland, Wales v England. March 4: Ireland v France, Scotland v Wales. March 18: England v Scotland; Wales v Ireland.

CIS County championship

Quarter-final

Gloucester 23 Surrey 6
Gloucestershire: Tries: Davis, Morgan, Windo. Con: Smith. Pens: Smith 2. Surrey: Pen: Risman 2.
(Gloucestershire to play Northumberland in the semi-final at Tyndale on 11 March)

CIS under-21 divisional championship

South West 6 London and SE 30
Midlands 3 North 6

Swalec Cup

Fifth round

Ebbw Vale 11 Old Illtydians 14
Ebbw Vale: Try: Price. Pens: C Thomas 2. Old Illtydians: Try: Deacon. Pens: Deacon 3.

Seven Sisters 13 Blackwood 15
Seven Sisters: Try: G Evans. Con: Edwards. Pens: Edwards 2. Blackwood: Tries: Barber, Hodges. Con: Grimstead. Pen: Grimstead.

S Wales Police 3 Old Penarthians 20
South Wales Police: Pen: Hughes. Old Penarthians: Tries: Folland, Goodfellow. Cons: Goldsworthy 2. Pens: Goodfellow 2.

Postponed: Tenby United v Aberavon; Whitland v Mountain Ash.

Heineken League

First division

Bridgend 41 Abertillery 3
Bridgend: Tries: Webbe 2, Back, Gale, Wilkins. Cons: Ball 5. Pens: Ball 2. Abertillery: Pen: R Price.

Llanelli 28 Cardiff 30
Llanelli: Tries: N Davies, I Evans, Lamerton, Proctor. Cons: Stephens 3. Cardiff: Tries: E Lewis, Moore, Walker. Pens: Davies 4. Drop Goal: Davies.

Neath 27 Newbridge 15
Neath: Tries: D Llewellyn 2, L Davies, Reynolds. Cons: Thomas 2. Pen: Thomas. Newbridge: Tries: Gibbs, Hawker. Con: Withers. Pen: Withers.

Pontypridd 29 Newport 15
Pontypridd: Tries: Collins, Rowley. Cons: Jenkins 2. Pens: Jenkins 5. Newport: Tries: Goodey, G Rees. Con: G Rees. Pen: G Rees.

Swansea 45 Dunvant 3
Swansea: Tries: Appleyard 2, Harris 2, R Jones, Weatherley. Cons: A Williams 3. Pens: A Williams 3. Dunvant: Pen: Thomas.

Treorchy 31 Pontypool 8
Treorchy: Tries: Lewis 2, L Evans, Gilbey. Cons: D Evans. Pens: D Evans 2, L Evans. Pontypool: Try: Walker. Pen: Williams.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Cardiff	16	13	0	3	448	195	26
Pontypridd	16	13	0	3	396	178	26
Neath	16	10	2	4	272	253	22
Bridgend	16	10	1	5	375	302	21
Swansea	15	9	0	6	335	250	18
Treorchy	15	7	0	8	297	221	14
Llanelli	16	7	0	9	297	294	12
Newbridge	16	6	0	10	197	296	12
Dunvant	15	5	1	9	203	318	11
Pontypool	16	4	0	12	229	422	8
Abertillery	16	4	0	12	245	452	8
Newport	15	4	0	11	211	324	8

Second division

Aberavon 11 Tenby Utd 10
Aberavon: Try: Kinsey. Pens: D Davies, Watts. Tenby United: Try: Lewis. Con: H Evans. Pen: H Evans.

Abercynon 16 Maesteg 6
Abercynon: Try: J Edwards. Con: Savage. Pens: Savage 3. Maesteg: Pens: Brown 2.

Cross Keys 21 Penarth 18
Cross Keys: Tries: Hanson, Penalty. Con: G Thomas. Pens: G Thomas 3. Penarth: Tries: T Crothers, Fifield. Con: Miller. Pens: Miller 2.

Narberth 19 Llanharan 0
Narberth: Tries: L Anson 2, Gerard. Cons: Howells 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberavon	15	13	0	2	340	136	26
Abercynon	15	11	0	4	266	186	22
Ebbw Vale	14	9	1	4	252	194	19
Bonymaen	13	8	1	4	208	163	17
Tenby Utd	15	8	0	7	213	248	16
S Wales Police	13	7	1	5	249	218	15
Cross Keys	14	7	0	7	206	232	14
Narberth	16	4	2	10	219	296	10
Llandovery	14	5	0	9	177	244	10
Maesteg	14	4	1	9	208	247	9
Llanharan	14	4	0	10	207	235	8
Penarth	15	3	0	12	187	333	6

Third division

Blaina 17 Pontypool Utd 6
Builth Wells 18 Tondu 10
Caerphilly 11 Ystradgynlais 13
Tredegar 28 Glamorgan Wdrs 3

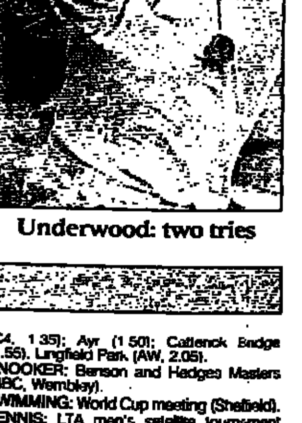
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ystradgynlais	16	13	0	3	271	151	26
Caerphilly	15	11	1	3	253	151	23
Mountain Ash	14	9	1	4	280	161	19
Tredegar	15	9	0	6	244	248	18
Blaina	16	8	2	6	195	185	18
Blackwood	15	7	2	6	179	150	16
Kenfig Hill	15	7	0	8	215	211	14
Builth Wells	16	7	0	9	211	229	14
Glam Wndrs	16	7	0	9	210	217	14
Aberavon Quins	15	4	2	9	123	208	10
Tondu	15	4	1	10	143	217	9
Pontypool Utd	16	1	1	14	161	367	3

Club matches

Aberdeen GSFP 18 Gordonians 6
Berry Hill 46 Bridgwater 17
Birmingham/Sol 31 Worcester 7
Durham City 5 Newcastle Gos 55
Fylde 12 Morley 22
Harlequins 43 Nottingham 3
Havant 20 Clifton 23
Hull Ionians 0 West Hartlepool 43
Lond Welsh 27 Blackheath 27
N Walsham 20 Bury St Edmunds 19
Orrell 14 Wakefield 25
Richmond 68 Met Police 15
Rugby 33 Gloucester 28
Saracens 36 Bedford 19
Walsall 29 Cheltenham 21
Wharfedale 39 Tynedale 14

Cancelled: Corstorphine v Suttonians; Grangemouth v Livingston; Hereford v Wolverhampton; Liverpool St Helens v Waterloo; Otley v Sheffield; Reading v Ealing; Spring County v Glasgow Acads; Sudbury v Thurrock; Tabard v Finchley.

SUSSEX KNOCK OUT TROPHY: Third round: Burgess Hill 18 Uckfield 22; Horsham 5 Haywards Heath 7; Hove 17 Crowborough 14, Hastings and Bexhill 21 East Grinstead 18, Chichester 47 Bognor 0; Heathfield and Waldron 0 Brighton 30, Eastbourne 0 Lewes 30; Old Brightonians 0 Worthing 10



Underwood: two tries

GUIDE TO THE WEEK'S MAIN FIXTURES

TODAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 7.30 unless stated
** denotes all-ticket*

Tennents Scottish Cup
Third round
Hamilton v Rangers
Falkirk v Motherwell (7.45)
Meadowbank v Berwick
Third round replay
Hearts v Clydebank ... P

DIADORA LEAGUE: First division: Ruislip Manor v Aldershot Town.
INTERLINK EXPRESS MIDLAND ALLIANCE: Willenhall v Rocester.
AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION: First division: Bristol Rovers v Chelsea (at Yate Town); Luton v Arsenal (at Hitchin, 2.0); Portsmouth v Southampton (7.0); Watford v Ipswich (2.0); Tottenham Hotspur v Crystal Palace (at St Albans City). Postponed: West Ham v Norwich. League Cup: Exeter v Bournemouth (7.0).
PONTINS LEAGUE: First division: Coventry v Wolverhampton (7.0). Second division: Birmingham City v Grimsby (7.0); Leicester v Mansfield (7.0), Preston v Barnsley (7.0).
FA YOUTH CUP: Fourth round: Stoke v Wimbledon.
JEWSON WESSEX LEAGUE: First division: Alc Lymington v Andover.
FA UMBRO TROPHY: First round: Newbury v Rothwell (7.45). First round replays: Bath v Sutton United (7.45).
FA UMBRO TROPHY: First round second replay: Colwyn Bay v Blyth Spartans (8.0), Witton v Guiseley (7.45).

OTHER SPORT

RACING: Fontwell Park (2.15); Market Rasen (1.50); Southwell (AW, 2.0).
SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters (BBC, Wembley).

TOMORROW

FOOTBALL

FA CUP: Fourth round replay: Liverpool v Burnley (7.45).
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Notts County v Bolton (7.45). Second division: Bradford v Bristol Rovers (7.45), Shrewsbury v Plymouth, York v Wrexham, Leyton Orient v Blackpool (7.45). Third division: Doncaster v Gillingham, Scarborough v Lincoln.
AUTO WINDSCREENS SHIELD: Northern Section Quarter-final: Wigan v Crewe. Semi-final: Bury v Rochdale.
VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Stafford v Halifax (7.45).
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Airdrie v Clydebank. Third division: Alloa v East Stirling, Albion v Montrose.
TENNENTS SCOTTISH CUP: Third round replays: Clyde v Dundee United; Stenhousemuir v St Johnstone.

RUGBY UNION

Kick-off 7.0
HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Abertillery v Pontypool, Dunvant v Llanelli; Newport v Neath. Second division: Penarth v Abercynon, South Wales Police v Cross Keys.

RUGBY LEAGUE

YOUTH INTERNATIONAL: Academy Select XIII v France Academy (at Salford, 7.30).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: National Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Sheffield v Birmingham (8.0).
BOXING: Heavyweight bout: James Oyebola (Paddington) v Jerry Jones (US) (Ipswich Corn Exchange).
RACING: Carlisle (1.30); Warwick (1.40); Lingfield Park (AW, 1.50).
SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters (BBC, Wembley).
SPEED SKATING: International competition (Guildford).
TENNIS: LTA women's satellite tournament (Sheffield).

WEDNESDAY

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN SUPER CUP: Second leg: AC Milan (0) v Arsenal (0).
FA CUP: Fourth round replays: *Chelsea v Millwall (7.45); Norwich v Coventry (7.45), Southampton v Luton, *Wolverhampton v Sheffield Wednesday (7.45).
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: First division: Airdrie v Clydebank. Third division: Albion v Montrose.

RUGBY UNION

HEINEKEN LEAGUE: First division: Bridgend v Pontypridd (7.0), Cardiff v Treorchy (7.0), Newbridge v Swansea (7.15). Second division: Aberavon v Ebbw Vale (7.0).
CLUB MATCHES: Oxford University v Army (3.0); Royal Navy v Cambridge University (at U S Portsmouth, 6.0).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: National Cup: Semi-final, first leg: Leopards v Thames Valley (7.0).
RACING: Ascot (BBC, 1.30); Ludlow (1.50); Wolverhampton (AW, 2.10).
SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters (BBC, Wembley).
SPEED SKATING: International competition (Guildford).
TENNIS: LTA men's satellite tournament (Bramhall). LTA women's satellite tournament (Sheffield).

THURSDAY

BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Leopards v Derby (7.0).
BOXING: British super-bantamweight championship: Richie Wenton (Liverpool) v Paul Lloyd (Ellesmere Port) (Chester).
RACING: Huntingdon (2.0); Wincanton (1.40); Lingfield Park (AW, 1.50).
SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters (BBC, Wembley).
TENNIS: LTA men's satellite tournament (Bramhall). LTA women's satellite tournament (Sheffield).

FRIDAY

BADMINTON: National championships (Norwich).
BOXING: British light-middleweight championship: Robert McCracken (Birmingham, holder) v Paul Wesley (Birmingham) (Aston Villa).
RACING: Newbury (2.0), Bangor (1.50); Southwell (AW, 2.10).
SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters (BBC, Wembley).
TENNIS: LTA men's satellite tournament (Bramhall). LTA women's satellite tournament (Sheffield).

SATURDAY

FOOTBALL

Kick-off 3.0 unless stated
FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Arsenal v Leicester, Aston Villa v Wimbledon, Chelsea v Tottenham Hotspur, Crystal Palace v Coventry, Leeds v Ipswich, Liverpool v Queens Park Rangers, Manchester City v Manchester United, Newcastle v Nottingham Forest, Norwich v Southampton.
ENDSLEIGH INSURANCE LEAGUE: First division: Barnsley v Tranmere Rovers; Charlton Athletic v Sunderland; Grimsby v Luton, Notts County v Southend, Oldham v Middlesbrough; Port Vale v West Bromwich; Portsmouth v Millwall, Reading v Derby, Sheffield United v Stoke, Watford v Burnley; Wolverhampton v Bristol City. Second division: Blackpool v Oxford United; Bournemouth v Brighton; Brentford v Bradford, Bristol Rovers v Cambridge United, Cardiff v Leyton Orient, Crewe v Birmingham, Peterborough v Plymouth, Rotherham v Swansea, Shrewsbury v Wycombe; Stockport v Chester; Wrexham v Huddersfield, York v Hull. Third division: Bury v Barnet, Carlisle v Hereford, Chesterfield v Gillingham, Colchester v Rochdale, Darlington v Wigan, Exeter v Walsall, Hartlepool v Doncaster, Lincoln v Fulham, Mansfield v Scunthorpe; Northampton v Preston; Torquay v Scarborough.
VAUXHALL CONFERENCE: Dover v Northwich, Halifax v Dagenham and Red, Stafford v Bromsgrove.
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Celtic v Hibernian, Dundee United v Falkirk, Hearts v Kilmarnock, Partick v Motherwell. First division: Ayr v Dundee, Dunfermline v Stranraer, St Johnstone v Hamilton, St Mirren v Raith. Second division: Brechin v Stenhousemuir, Clyde v Berwick, Dumbarton v Meadowbank, Queen Of South v East Fife, Stirling v Greenock Morton. Third division: Albion v Caley This, Arbroath v Queen's Park, Cowdenbeath v East Stirling, Forfar v Montrose, Ross County v Alloa.

RUGBY UNION

COURAGE CLUBS CHAMPIONSHIP: First division: Gloucester v Leicester, Harlequins v Bristol, Nottingham v Sale; Orrell v Bath; Wasps v West Hartlepool.

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Fourth round: Wigan v St Helens (BBC1, 3.0).

OTHER SPORT

ATHLETICS: Great Britain v France (Glasgow).
BADMINTON: National championships (Norwich).
BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Birmingham v Derby (8.0), Leicester v Hemel (7.30), Sunderland v Doncaster (7.30); Thames Valley v Chester (8.0). Worthing v Sheffield (8.0).
CYCLING: Superdrome international meeting (Manchester).
RACING: Newbury (BBC1, 1.10); Uttoxeter (C4, 1.35); Ayr (1.50); Catterick Bridge (1.55), Lingfield Park (AW, 2.05).
SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters (BBC, Wembley).
SWIMMING: World Cup meeting (Sheffield).
TENNIS: LTA men's satellite tournament (Bramhall). LTA women's satellite tournament (Sheffield). LTA women's satellite tournament (Sunderland).

SUNDAY

FOOTBALL

FA CARLING PREMIERSHIP: Blackburn v Sheffield Wednesday (Sky, 5.0).
COCA-COLA CUP: Semi-final, first leg: Swindon v Bolton (ITV, 3.0).
BELL'S SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Premier division: Aberdeen v Rangers (3.0).

RUGBY LEAGUE

SILK CUT CHALLENGE CUP: Fourth round: Carlisle v Widnes (3.0); Warrington v Castleford (3.0), Leeds v Bradford Northern (3.0), Beverley v Batley (at Boulevard, Hull, 3.0), Huddersfield v Halifax (3.30), Whitehaven v Wakefield Trinity (2.0); Swinton v Leigh (3.0), Workington Town v Hull (3.0); Keighley v Dewsbury (3.30); Doncaster v Sheffield (3.0), Ryedale-York v Rochdale (3.0), Hunslet v Salford (3.0), Featherstone Rovers v Barrow (3.30); Oldham v Bramley (3.0), London Broncos v Hull KR (3.0).

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: National championships (Norwich).
BASKETBALL: Budweiser League: Chester v Hemel (6.0); London v Doncaster (5.0); Sheffield v Manchester (6.15).
CYCLING: Superdrome international meeting (Manchester).
SNOOKER: Benson and Hedges Masters (BBC, Wembley).
SWIMMING: World Cup meeting (Sheffield).
TENNIS: LTA men's satellite tournament (Bramhall). LTA women's satellite tournament (Sunderland).

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Costs sent too late

Regina v North Kent Magistrates, Ex parte McGoldrick & Co (a Firm)

Before Mr Justice Schiemann

[Judgment January 24]

A magistrates court clerk was wrong to decide that under regulation 12(1) of the Costs in Criminal Cases (General) Regulations (SI 1986 No 1335) he could not tax costs where the costs claim had been submitted outside the three-month time limit unless he first found that the delay entailed exceptional circumstances.

Mr Justice Schiemann so held in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing the application of McGoldrick & Co for certiorari to quash the decision of the clerk to the justices of North Kent Magistrates to refuse to tax their bill of costs ordered by Dartford Magistrates Court in respect of defence proceedings at Dartford Magistrates Court.

Regulation 12 of the 1986 Regulations provides:

"(1) Subject to paragraph (2), the time limit within which there must be made or instituted — (a) a claim for costs by an applicant under regulation 6 ... may, for good reason, be extended ...

"(2) Where an applicant without good reason has failed (or, if an extension were not granted, would fail) to comply with a time limit, the appropriate authority ... may, in exceptional circumstances, extend the time limit."

Mr Philip Noble for the applicant; the respondent did not appear and was not represented.

MR JUSTICE SCHIEMANN said that on the face of it paragraph 12(1) of the 1986 Order applied both to applications within and without the time limit of three months prescribed by regulation 6(1) of the Order.

In the case of an application made after the expiry of the three-month limit nothing in regulation 12(1) prevented the time limit being extended where there was merely good reason for delay.

It seemed clear that the clerk construed regulation 12(1) in such a way that in cases where the application to extend time was made after the expiry of the three-month limit it prevented him from considering whether or not there was a good reason for the failure to apply within three months. That was a misconstruction.

He also construed regulation 12(2) as meaning that the exceptional circumstances there mentioned must relate to the reasons for failure to apply within three months and that was a misconstruction.

The decision was quashed and the matter remitted to the clerk.

Solicitors: McGoldrick & Co.

Inspector to be cross-examined

Jones v Secretary of State for Wales and Another

Before Lord Justice Balcombe, Lord Justice Roch and Lord Justice Saville

[Judgment February 1]

On an allegation that an inspector appointed to conduct an inquiry into a planning application was possibly guilty of bias, a judge erred in concluding that he was able to say, simply by reading the affidavits, that all the evidence had been given in good faith and that the differences were no more than differences of recollection.

Unlikely as it might seem, it was undoubtedly possible that the appellants had concocted their story in order to establish grounds for an appeal; it was equally possible that the inspector might not have been telling the truth. If there was evidence before a court which, unless satisfactorily explained, could lead to an inference of improper behaviour on the part of an inspector, then the court should allow cross-examination on the affidavits.

The Court of Appeal so held by a majority, Lord Justice Saville dissenting, on an appeal by Mr Anthony Lyndon Jones and his father, Mr William Edward Jones, against a decision of Mr David Widdicombe, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge, on June 7, 1994, refusing them leave to file further evidence and leave to cross-examine the inspector, Mr Colin Edward Davis, who, following an inquiry, had dismissed their appeal against a decision of Vale of Glamorgan Borough Council, refusing them permission to change the use of a barn on their land at Llandow, South Glamorgan.

Mr Peter Village for the applicants; Mr Rhodri Price Lewis for the secretary of state and Vale of Glamorgan.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that the appellants' grounds for seeking to quash the decision of the inspector were (i) that there was a real possibility of bias on the part of the inspector, having regard to his behaviour both *before and after the close of the* inquiry; (ii) the inspector took into consideration new evidence not raised at the inquiry, without affording the applicants an opportunity to comment on it; (iii) in breach of the rules of natural justice, the inspector had regard to matters or evidence after the close of the inquiry without giving the applicants an opportunity of commenting thereon.

In an affidavit Mr Anthony Lyndon Jones said that, after the close of the inquiry, he had occasion to go back to the inquiry room. On partly opening the door he noticed that the inspector and Mr Hurley [*the representative of the council at the inquiry*] were standing, very closely together, with their backs towards him. He could clearly see that Mr Hurley was holding a document and pointing to a certain part of it. The inspector was looking at the document and appeared to be paying attention to what Mr Hurley was pointing at.

In his affidavit Mr William Edward Jones said that during the course of the inquiry a question arose about a document and the inspector started looking for it on his desk. He then said: "Oh, its all right, I've found it. It was given to me by Mr Morgan [*the planning officer who gave evidence for the council*] *in his office earlier this* morning."

The inspector, in his affidavit, denied the allegations of the father and son, saying that at no time did he indicate that he had been given any document by Mr Morgan *in his office earlier that morning*, nor had he met him before he opened the inquiry. With regard to the son's allegation he said: "Mr Hurley did not ... at any time after the inquiry had been closed attempt to show me or draw my attention to or discuss in any way any documents as alleged."

After reviewing the judgment his Lordship said that he was unable to understand on what basis the judge was able to say, simply by reading the affidavits, that all the evidence had been given in good faith, and that the differences had been no more than differences of recollection. It had been accepted that if the appellants could establish any of the matters set out in their grounds, that could be a sufficient reason for quashing the decision letter.

If the appellants' affidavit evidence had stood alone there would not have been sufficient evidence to establish either ground of complaint. Even accepting the son's evidence of what he saw as true, his Lordship would not be prepared to infer from that that the inspector had received fresh evidence from Mr Hurley after the close of the inquiry. Nor, even if the inspector had said that he had obtained a document from Mr Morgan that morning, would he infer from that the appearance, or possibility, of bias. Nor was that position altered by the affidavits of Mr Hurley and Mr Morgan.

The difficulty arose from the denial by the inspector of the precise movements of the parties after the close of the inquiry, as set out by the son, and the inspector's own detailed account.

His Lordship shared the views expressed by Mr Justice Forbes in *Behrman v Secretary of State for the Environment* ([1978] JPL 677) and by Mr Justice Laws in *Richard Read Transport v Secretary of State for the Environment* (unreported, December 14, 1993) that it was usually undesirable that a person holding a quasi-judicial office should be exposed to cross-examination. But justice to the parties, as well as to the inspector himself, required that those disputed questions of fact should be tested in the normal way by cross-examination. Accordingly his Lordship would allow the appeal.

Lord Justice Roch concurred and Lord Justice Saville dissented.

Solicitors: Lawrence Graham for Pitmans, Reading; Treasury Solicitor and Mr Allen J. Oliver, Barry.

Person unlawfully evicted can qualify for priority need

Regina v Bristol City Council, Ex parte Bradic

Before Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC

[Judgment January 23]

A person who was unlawfully evicted and who made an application to a housing authority as a homeless person was capable of qualifying for priority need within section 59(1)(d) of the Housing Act 1985.

Sir Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so stated in a reserved judgment when granting an application for judicial review by Mihajlo Milan Bradic against a decision on August 22, 1994 by Bristol City Council that his illegal eviction did not constitute an emergency within the context of section 59(1)(d) of the Housing Act 1985 and that the eviction did not in itself confer priority need on his application.

Section 59 of the 1985 Act provides:

"(1) The following have a priority need for accommodation — ... (d) a person who is homeless or threatened with homelessness as a result of an emergency such as flood, fire or other disaster."

Mr Jan Luba for Mr Bradic; Mr Robert Levy for the council.

HIS LORDSHIP said in considering whether Mr Bradic lost his accommodation as a result of an emergency, the local authority had misdirected itself by stating that an illegal eviction did not constitute a disaster. It treated illegal eviction as not being an emergency and a disaster.

There was, in his Lordship's judgment, no basis for reading section 59(1)(d) conjunctively. The draftsman had directed attention to homelessness resulting from an emergency of the kind described in the subsequent examples of disasters.

Either they were restrictive of the emergencies contemplated, or emergency should be construed in its broad and ordinary sense of a sudden or unexpected occurrence, and the words "such as" were intended merely to be examples of matters which might give rise to homelessness by reason of an emergency.

Mr Luba had submitted that the court should adopt a historical approach. The statutory origins of section 59(1)(d) were to be found in *section 21 of the National Assistance Act 1948*, which was repealed by a definition of priority need in section 2(1)(b) of the Housing (Homeless Persons) Act 1977 and no change was effected in the sense or meaning of that provision on consolidation of the law governing homelessness in Part III of the Housing Act 1985.

In the light of ministerial circulars from 1948 onwards evictions were clearly in contemplation as a species of homelessness and eviction arising from a sudden or unexpected event like an unlawful, as distinct from a lawful, eviction survived as an emergency under the legislation.

Mr Levy had conceded that wholesale evictions resulting from a single sudden or unexpected event might qualify under section 59(1)(d), but he maintained that an unlawful eviction of a single household could not in law constitute an emergency within that section and Mr Bradic was such a household.

In his Lordship's judgment that submission could not prevail. First, it negatived the purpose of priority groups.

Second, section 59 itself was framed in language of the first person singular as an applicant for housing.

Once it was conceded that certain evictions could fall within section 59(1)(d), it seemed that, as a matter of simple logic, a single unlawful eviction, if sudden or unexpected, might qualify for priority need as an emergency.

Not every unlawful eviction would automatically qualify for priority need. The finding meant merely that the local authority had to entertain an application for housing from an unlawfully evicted person rendered thereby unintentionally homeless: see by analogy with the vulnerability provision in section 59(1)(c) and *Kelly v Monklands District Council* (1986 SLT 169).

There was force in the council's contention that a homeless applicant for housing who had been unlawfully evicted had to exhaust his remedies either against the unlawfully evicting landlord, or by seeking alternative entitlement through other social security legislation, before challenging by way of judicial review refusal to accept a duty to secure available accommodation.

Such steps might provide grounds for the decision not to treat the unlawfully evicted as qualifying for priority need.

In the present case there was no alternative remedy provided other than a review by three senior housing managers of the local authority.

In his Lordship's judgment, that procedure was not adequate. In any event, the appealable issue was essentially a point of law. It would have remained susceptible of judicial review. Judicial review was the appropriate remedy and accordingly the decision would be quashed.

Solicitors: Bobbetts Mackan, Bristol; Mr Dudley Lewis, Bristol.

Plea bargaining to be deplored

Regina v Thompson

Before Lord Justice Hobhouse, Mr Justice Pill and Mr Justice Steel

[Judgment January 19]

Counsel for the defence in a criminal trial should not approach the judge to ask for an indication of the sentence which might be passed should the defendant change his plea to guilty, and the judge should not give such an indication.

The Court of Appeal so held when quashing a sentence of 30 months imprisonment passed on Robert Thompson on September 2, 1994 at Snaresbrook Crown Court (Mr Assistant Recorder Boothby) for one offence of burglary following his guilty plea on August 3, and substituting a sentence of 21 months.

Mr Sam Stein, who did not appear below, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant.

LORD JUSTICE HOBHOUSE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the appellant had had no detectable defence to the charge against him, but he had persuaded his counsel to go to the assistant recorder in chambers to ask for an indication of the maximum sentence he might expect if he changed his plea to guilty.

The assistant recorder indicated that the sentence would be between 14 months and three years. Counsel told the appellant, who changed his plea.

The matter was adjourned for a pre-trial report, and the appellant was later sentenced to 30 months. He complained to the court that he had been given an expectation on August 3 from which the judge had departed when he passed sentence.

There was no merit in that complaint, but it was to be deplored that counsel had allowed herself to be put in the position of asking the assistant recorder for an indication and to be deplored even more that the assistant recorder had given such an indication.

The sentence would, however, be reduced on the ground that despite the fact that the appellant had a very bad record the sentence should, under the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act 1991, be commensurate with the offence, which in this case had been a burglary of an unoccupied dwelling house during daylight hours.

Contractual duty of solicitor

Bristol and West Building Society v Kramer & Co (a Firm)

The duty of a solicitor, accepted pursuant to express instructions, to notify his building society client of *any matters which might prejudice* the society's security or which were at variance with the offer of advance was a liability arising from some contractual provision which did not depend on negligence on the part of that solicitor and was within category 1 of the three identified by Mr Justice Hobhouse in *Forsikringsaktieselskapet Vesta v Butcher* ([1986] 2 All ER 488, 508F–H).

Mr Justice Blackburne so held in the Chancery Division on December 16, in a chambers judgment reported with consent, in deciding that it was not open to the defendants, A. Kramer & Co, a firm of solicitors, to raise against the plaintiff, Bristol and West Building Society, a defence that it had been guilty of contributory negligence in various respects, including the lending of substantial sums of money in a falling or stagnant property market on insufficient information both as to the value of the security and the status of the borrower.

His Lordship accordingly *allowed an appeal by the society* from a decision of Master Gowers granting the defendants unconditional leave to defend the society's claims in respect of an advance of £890,485 made by it in January 1991 to a Mr Edick Khachatouri, upon the security of a freehold property in Wimbledon.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 44

SILVICIDE

(a) A substance that kills trees, from the Latin *silva* a wood + *occidere* to kill. "The increasing use of organic arsenicals as silvicides in forestry has raised questions concerning the health and safety of exposed workers."

TEART

(c) Sour as an adjective, used of pastures containing an excess of molybdenum. As a substantive, teart quality in grass; the diarrhoea suffered by cattle grazing in a teart *pasture. A dialect variant of tart.* "This disease, known as parasitic enteritis, is found to be persistently associated with certain pastures (called teart lands in the West of England) upon heavy moisture-retaining soils."

TRONC

(b) In hotels and restaurants, a common fund into which tips and service charges are paid for distribution for the staff, from the French *tronc* a collecting box. "In all troncs (pooled tips, which the tronc head waiter distributes according to the number of points each waiter has) they declare an average figure to the Income Tax."

SHAWMIST

(a) One who plays the shawm, in earlier centuries called a shawmer or shawmplayer. "The shawmist, perhaps accompanied by the tambourine player, can only have performed monophonic *melodies.*"

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Three computer laboratories have been set up where none existed before in schools in Hartford, Connecticut. Energy-saving equipment has been installed in nine schools, releasing funds for new teaching aids, and crumbling buildings have been repaired.

Increasing numbers of parents are coming to appreciate the efforts of Education Alternatives, the profit-making consortium now in control, but teachers — who are paid by the company but report to school heads and an education board — remain sceptical.

The experiment is being watched with interest in Britain. Sir Robert Balchin, chairman of the Grant-Maintained Schools Foundation, says the American scheme would be politically impossible to emulate in secondary schools, but could help to expand nursery education, to which the Government is pledged.

A familiar catalogue of ills led Hartford's board of education to embrace privatisation last year. Exam results were deteriorating, absenteeism was on the increase, classroom violence and teenage pregnancy were becoming an ever-greater problem, and managers seemed incapable of maintaining reasonable standards in the face of budget cuts.

Education Alternatives sold itself as the one company capable of remedying the problems. Born out of research into "the perfect school" by the Control Data Corporation, the company opened a couple of private schools in 1987 and 1988, before taking over a problem school in Miami and then moving into 12 schools with 7,600 pupils in Baltimore, Maryland.

In its campaign to win control of an entire city's schools for the first time, the company promised Hartford that "by bringing management and operational expertise to schools [it would] enable teachers to focus their energies where it counts — in the classrooms". In other words, it would run the schools more efficiently and share the savings with them.

In the consortium, KPMG Peat Marwick provides business and accounting practices to monitor control and abstract savings; Johnson Controls Facility Management Services repairs and maintains schools, and Computer Curriculum Corporation offers computers and learning materials to students. Education Alternatives also provides training and support for teachers and offers its own teaching method, although this has not been taken up in Hartford.

The fiercest opposition to Education Alternatives' lobbying came from teaching unions, which investigated the company and its executives and circulated the results to local papers. When the education board finally signed a five year contract for the company to oversee the $200m a year (£130m) budget, Birdie Cody, a long-serving teacher, described it as "the worst decision that the board could have made; many teachers have no faith in Education Alternatives". Even now the unions are remaining stubborn in negotiations with the company over pay and conditions.

Parents and board members, however, are elated. Kathy Evans, a board member, says: "The company is providing us with technology we didn't have, better teacher training and improved facilities. It is clearly a big win for Hartford's children." Hyacinth Yenne sums up many parents' feeling when she says: "I feel great about it; we are finally going some place."

Snow Mitchell, a Johnson Controls manager engaged on the project, says: "It's early days yet but we have started on much-needed repairs, are establishing a new programme for maintenance and security work, reorganising the buildings and grounds and identifying what better equipment is needed. At the same time, we have already identified savings which can be made."

Much of this work has been done by staff from the firms belonging to the consortium, but Education Alternatives has sub-contracted some of the services, including the busing of children to and from school.

The company is permitted by its contract to earn profits only from the savings it has generated. It has also promised to invest £1 million in the repair, security and upgrading of school buildings, and to provide a further £9 million for classroom and office technology in the first year.

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These details should fascinate Britain's school managers, engaged in drawing up contracts with private firms to provide specific services, but would they ever consider handing over the running of the entire school?

Sir Cyril Taylor, chairman of the City Technology Colleges Trust, which seeks the support of private industry in the funding and governing of its colleges, believes that allowing private companies to run them for profit would be unacceptable. "The injection of free enterprise in setting targets for improving exam results and attendance, as well as providing catering, cleaning and maintenance services, is very valuable," he says. "But the idea of handing over schools to a profit-making company is too radical."

Most grant-maintained schools, like the city colleges and an increasing number of state schools, have turned to the private sector for a wide range of services, including supervision of the payroll and provision of in-service training for teachers.

Sir Robert Balchin sees little scope for further privatisation. "It has been difficult enough to get local education authorities to hand over schools to a small collection of parents," he says. "It would need a Conservative government with a majority of 150 to sanction the handing over of whole schools to private companies."

VIEWPOINT

S levels must live again

The uproar that greeted the likely abolition of the Oxford entrance examination has tended to nail the right flag on the wrong mast. Opponents of abolition argue that it is a decision based on political correctness, and that the examination gave the best candidates a chance to show their worth at a time when standards at A level were seen to be in decline.

There is much to be said for this argument and for opposition to any system based on the notoriously fallible interview method. There is also a sneaking fear that Oxford and Cambridge desire to base their entry not simply on the best of their applicants, but on positive discrimination and fairly feckless social engineering.

Yet the fact remains that, sooner or later, the Oxford entrance examination is doomed because the system around it has changed. There is only one university which sets a separate examination of this type. A school such as Manchester Grammar sends about 50 pupils a year to Oxford and Cambridge. About 70 per cent do not apply to either university. The wholly disproportionate effort that the examination requires to be allocated to a minority of pupils is immensely disruptive to mainstream work.

> We are not good at seeing what is obvious

Gateways School, with a handful of female candidates every year, regrets bitterly the fact that the Oxford examination comes at a time of year when excellent candidates lack the maturity they have by the summer. Girls tend to drop all their other commitments to concentrate on the examination.

More than half of Manchester Grammar's candidates for Oxford are the first member of their family to attend that university, and for those not brought up to the mystique of Oxford, the extra fence simply is not worth the effort (and the risk) of jumping it. Oxford did not help its case by stating that the examination required minimal preparation, when it was abundantly clear that this was total nonsense. No wonder it put off bright pupils in maintained schools which did not have the resources to teach for the examination.

Yet the principle embodied in the examination is probably correct. Recent years have seen the growth of an Ivy League of universities, perhaps numbering 14 or 15. These universities are now demanding grades perilously close to or the same as Oxford and Cambridge. Manchester Grammar can look back over nearly 20 years of examining and prove that the standard of entry has not changed. Yet at the same time the average number of "A" grades at A level has increased from about 30 per cent to about 60 per cent.

A level no longer distinguishes the "top" candidate as it used to. An interview is no answer because it often measures social skills, rather than academic ones. If we accept that certain universities will set higher standards than others, then we have to accept also that they should have a measurement technique suitable to their needs.

The British are not always very good at seeing what is staring them in the face. We actually have an examination with us now that was designed to test for higher ability than could be measured at A level, and designed to be taken with minimal extra work or coaching. This examination is the S level.

S level was killed, ironically enough, by Cambridge University, when it ditched its fourth and seventh term examinations in favour of STEP papers to be sat at the same time as A levels. The system was chaos from the start, with some colleges asking for STEP in some subjects, others for S levels and some for nothing. Fewer and fewer provincial universities seemed to ask for S level, and the result was that the examination was starved almost out of existence.

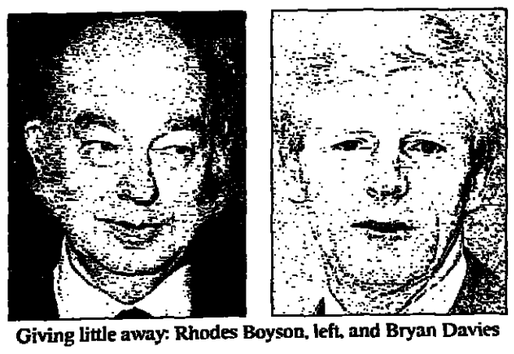
It is high time we gave the kiss of life to S level, and above all gave the universities' responsibility for setting the examination to test higher thinking skill, with minimal preparation. The nightmare is that we decide instead to develop a starred "A" grade, adding another tier to the existing A level. S level would find support, would do a certain job for the right pupils at the right time, and would answer a pressing need.

JENNIFER AND MARTIN STEPHEN

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Political parties are scrambling to set their educational policies

Shadow-boxing in the red and blue corners



Giving little away: Rhodes Boyson, left, and Bryan Davies

The next election may be two years away, but it is already casting its shadow over education. Not only has it begun to influence government policy, but the education service itself has started to prepare for the possibility of yet more upheaval.

From pre-school organisations to higher education, there is a determination not to be left behind as the parties set the agenda for the next campaign. But the process is most evident in the independent sector, where the threat to the Assisted Places Scheme and schools' charitable status is causing particular concern.

More than 70 head teachers and senior staff from independent schools were sufficiently concerned to attend a day-long seminar at St Dunstan's College, Catford, in southeast London last week. They discovered, predictably enough, that the politicians were a long way off committing themselves on most of the sensitive issues.

Indeed, Sir Rhodes Boyson, the former Conservative Education Minister, insisted that his party never had an education policy until an election was imminent. Although he had a raft of radical ideas, from summertime remedial classes for the under-fives to a scholarship system for higher education, he predicted that the official manifesto would merely react to events.

In a characteristically mischievous aside, he said: "Most of my colleagues are quite well educated, but most of them are not particularly interested in education."

Bryan Davies, Labour's higher education spokesman, was never likely to make such an admission, but nor could he throw much light on the areas that have dogged his party in the last few weeks. There was no hint of the route to the promised consensus on opting out, no clear view on the fate of the grammar schools and no more information on the funding of students and higher education institutions.

Mr Davies was uncompromising on Labour's determination to phase out assisted places, even though he could put no figure on the expected savings. But he avoided all mention of the issue of charitable status, which was the source of such confusion for his party over the new year.

Independent school issues are at least relatively straightforward in party terms: the Conservatives are unlikely to seek any significant change, while the Opposition education team is barely disguising its hostility to the sector. As Mr Davies said: "Labour does not want an escape passage for the few."

The £90-million Assisted Places Scheme will be doomed if there is a change of government, although Mr Davies gave an assurance that existing award-holders would continue to be supported. Labour's bark may be worse than its bite on charitable status, however. The party is still sensitive to charges of "the politics of envy", and many of its potential supporters in target constituencies are either using or considering independent schools.

Other areas, like nursery education and higher education are more confused. Neither of the main parties has declared its hand beyond issuing the most general statements of principle.

Last week, for example, Labour launched an inquiry into pre-school education, and the next day Gillian Shephard, the Education Secretary, admitted that she hopes the election is a long way off because she is not near to producing the extra places promised in the current Parliament.

Mrs Shephard's remarks came at the launch of the Pre-School Learning Alliance, which was a prime example of creative pre-election thinking. The 20,000 playgroups, saddled with an image that could deprive them of a leading role in Labour or Conservative expansion plans, announced that they were renaming themselves pre-schools.

All three main parties were represented at the launch, confirming the political importance of provision for the under-fives. But the politicians are less anxious to be drawn into debate on the potentially equally sensitive area of higher education. Ministers are happy to use their review of higher education to deflect calls for action, while Labour also has the obligatory inquiry in progress.

Whichever party is in power will face pressure for renewed expansion of the university system and reform of the student grants and loans. The obvious course of action, to introduce charges of some sort for tuition, is fraught with political dangers.

Civil servants in the Education Department are watching the manoeuvring with more interest than most. Rob Smith, who heads the branch responsible for independent schools, was giving little away at the St Dunstan's conference, but he identified both parties' tough line on standards as the key pointer to developments after the election.

Education may never be the issue that puts a government into office. But the signs are that, for all the calls for stability and consensus, the subject will loom larger than ever in the next campaign, whenever that may be.

JOHN O'LEARY

Tuck box, gym kit, ferret

As schools relax the rules on pets to lure pupils, **Jessica Gorst-Williams** offers a wildlife guide to the best



A Wellington College student with his red-kneed tarantula

Whether it is a ferret, praying mantis, polo pony, rat, snake or ordinary rabbit, if it has a desirable pupil in tow it will find a welcome at one of the top independent boarding schools. With pupils at a premium, pet accommodation is being quietly spruced up and rules relaxed.

Schools tend to be cautious about where they stand on the subject of allowing pupils to keep pets, so here are a few pointers.

Polo ponies should think about Wellington College in Berkshire, with its Army tradition. Refurbishment of its Copenhagen stables (named after the first Duke's horse) was completed last June. At the moment, the college says, they accommodate four polo ponies and two eventers. "Other pets are allowed under exceptional circumstances. The winner of last year's National Junior Wildlife Photographer of the Year Award has snakes and a praying mantis in his room. We also have a pupil who keeps fish."

Another school offering five-star stabling is Bedgebury in Goudhurst, Kent. About 25 pupils' horses are kept at its riding centre, with an outlay for parents per horse of between £35 and £80 a week. "Normal pets such as rabbits, guinea pigs, rats and chinchillas live in hutches made by the CDT department in the pet area, and have the run of the place in the summer," the registrar says. "Because they are outside, hamsters just come in the summer. There is a special holiday rabbit-sitting service run very cheaply by a member of staff."

Mayfield College in East Sussex, which at present has a no-animals policy, is among schools considering joining the horsey bandwagon. "We are looking into the possibility of putting up stabling in order to have a limited number pupils' horses," the school says.

Ferrets could consider Milton Abbey, Dorset, which has a Ferret Society and a purpose-built hut for them to live in. At Eton ferrets are kept in the beagle kennel. Hay and dry cat food is provided by the owners, and they are exercised on the playing fields wearing cat harnesses. The latest count of ferrets at Eton was 15.

Goats could try the King's School, Canterbury where the captain of school is allowed to keep a goat on the green court, although no one has taken this up in the past ten years, according to Janet Pickering, the senior mistress.

As for other pupils, Mrs Pickering says: "They can have what they like as long as the animals are small and reasonably easy to look after." Some are kept in the boarding houses. Otherwise they join the school terrapins, chinchillas and chipmunks in the biology lab, where they reside in spacious cages. None is used for dissection practice.

For pythons the school to approach is Harrow. Only creatures that have a "therapeutic" purpose and have been carefully vetted by the housemaster are allowed in the boarding houses. Recently a python was deemed to be in this category. Otherwise poultry and other livestock can be lodged on the school farm.

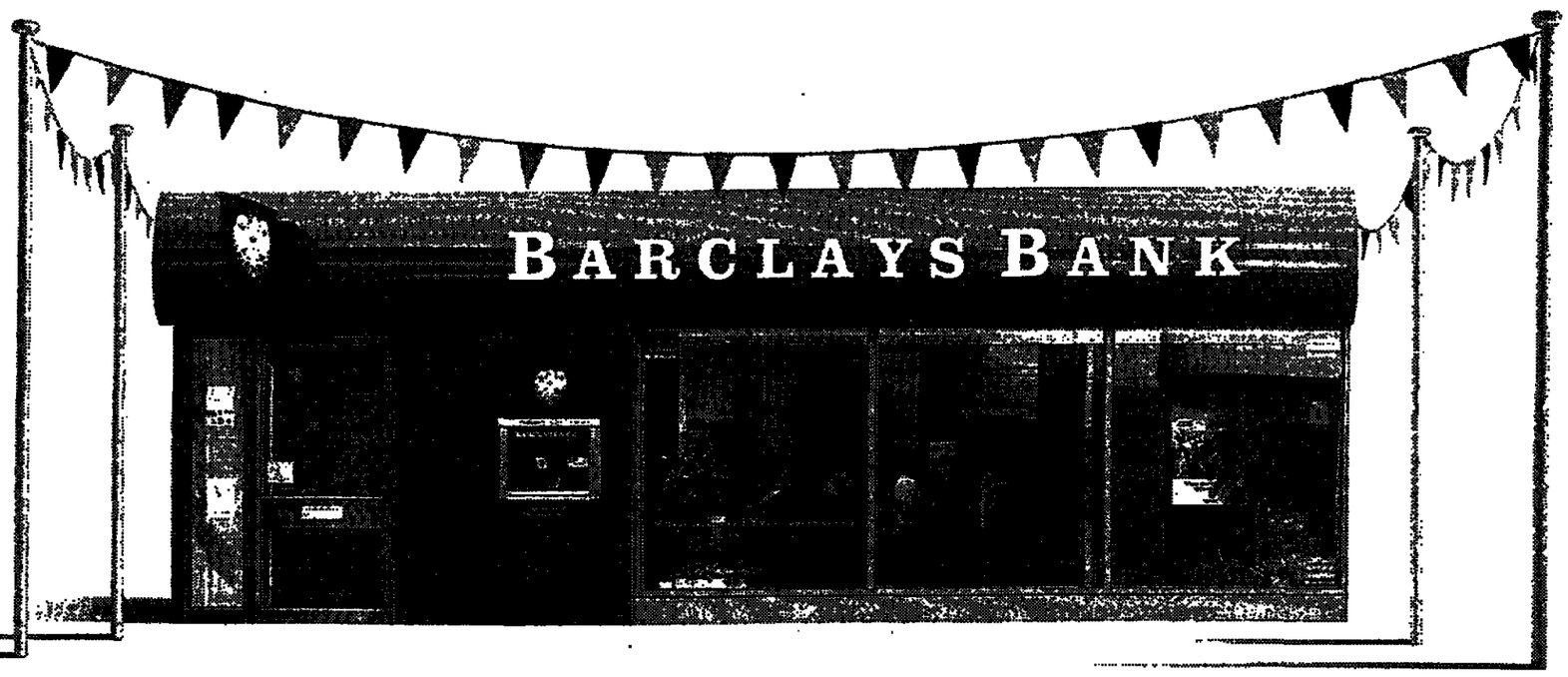
Rabbits and guinea pigs are spoilt for choice. Among the many schools that will take them is Sherborne School for Girls, which has a special pet shed, and North Foreland Lodge, near Basingstoke, where they inhabit a brick building with a radiator in winter, and in summer they are in big cages and runs constructed by the gardener. Straw and sawdust is charged at £2 per term, with food costing extra. Goldfish are allowed, but not hamsters because, says Julia Bose, the member of staff in charge of animals, "the girls didn't look after them properly when they had them. There was sawdust and straw everywhere and they were not always shut in."

Miss Bose believes pets can be good for pupils, "because they can talk to them without things said back".

Many schools are more hazy about their policy on pets, but probably would not let a good pupil slip through their net by being too dogmatic. Winchester's headmaster, James Sabben-Clare, says: "It is a question of boys negotiating with their housemaster." Edward Gould of Marlborough College says: "I would consider health and safety matters before coming to any decision after discussion with the parents in assessing whether to allow an animal or reptile or not."

No-go schools for pupils' pets include Seaford College and Millfield, and girls-only Wycombe Abbey, Benenden and Roedean.

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Capitalisation, week's change

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BANKS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5,654.70	Abbey Nat	431	-2	4.5	14.5
1,759.80	Allied Irish	264	-6	4.8	10.1
2,842.50	Aus. New Z	210	+12	5.7	..
9,778.90	Bank America	2797¼	+131¼	..	..
2,424.00	Bank Scotland	207	-3	2.2	11.7
9,662.90	Barclays	591	+9	3.5	14.4
1,464.40	Bk of Ireland	309	+9	4.7	8.9
10,072.60	Citicorp	2587⅛	+25	..	..
212.30	Close Bros	223	..	4.2	10.1
4,374.70	Commerzbk	£133¼	-23⅞	6.3	..
7,369.60	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1174¾	-115¾	0.5	..
14,983.50	Deutsche Bk	£29⅜	+3⅜	2.5	..
164.00	Espirito Santo	765⅝	+12½	3.6	3.8
114.80	First Nat Fin	68	+2	2.8	42.4
39,657.00	Fuji Bank Y	1369⅝	+161¼	0.4	..
418.30	Hambros	237	-5	7.9	14.6
5,555.00	HSBC	692	+21	4.7	9.4
11,216.80	HSBC HK	637½	+20½	4.5	9.3
20.80	Joseph (L)	393	..	5.6	11.4
824.40	Kleinwort Ben	618	-2	3.9	10.9
7,133.50	Lloyds	550	-1	5.2	10.8
6,733.20	Nat Aust Bk	503	-2	7.1	..
8,511.40	Nat West	496	+5	4.9	9.7
107.50	Ottoman Bank	2150	..	6.8	..
26.60	Rea Bros	64	-2	1.9	17.9
3,188.00	Ryl Bk Scot	398	+4	4.7	9.4
1,495.00	Schroders	1485	+20	1.6	12.6
387.10	Schroders N/V	1335	+30	1.7	13.2
165.10	Singer & Fried	85	..	4.6	10.9
2,547.60	Stand Chart	264	+11	3.0	9.1
3,858.10	TSB	252	+9	4.6	..
1,674.20	Warburg SG	761	+3	3.6	13.5
5,276.70	Wells Fargo	9525	+312½	3.1	..
4,133.10	Westpac	227	+11½	2.4	..
19.40	Wintrust	228	+13	5.9	15.0

BREWERIES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
42.50	Ascot Hldgs	154	..	..	..
4,696.70	Bass†	538	+15	4.9	13.3
299.60	Boddington	247	-1	4.2	13.3
36.20	Burtonwd Brwf	174	+1	3.7	14.5
35.30	Eldridge P 'A'	170	+12	3.0	20.6
1,738.20	Fosters Brewing	54	..	5.3	..
73.40	Folk Sm 'A'	360	+8	2.7	14.9
903.30	Greenalls Grp	432	+6	3.9	21.4
230.50	Greene Kingt	520	-2	3.2	14.1
51.60	Hardy Hansnt	258	..	4.6	..
3.48	Heavitree	150	..	3.8	..
104.30	Holt J	3363	-57	1.8	18.5
158.60	Marsfield	247	..	2.4	15.1
271.80	Mistion Thmp	302	+3	2.5	14.7
98.80	Morland	460	..	2.9	13.8
8.26	Paramount	7	..	2.6	16.5
48.10	Regent Inns	327	+5	2.1	25.1
3,972.50	SA Breweries	1431¾	+62½	2.1	22.2
2,712.70	Scot & Newt	508	-3	4.3	14.5
314.10	Vaux Group†	255	..	5.5	12.7
169.50	Wolverhampton JD	467	..	1.8	25.7
2,960.20	Whitbread†	566	-2	4.2	15.4
333.20	Wolvrmptn D	501	-3	3.5	12.2
70.60	Yates Brost	196	..	2.4	15.4
13.30	Young 'A'	458	..	4.1	19.4

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
50.40	Abbey†	130	-3	5.0	9.5
46.28	Allen	143	-2	4.9	13.4
135.60	Amec	67	+6	5.6	38.7
21.70	Andrews Sykes	152	+4	..	..
127.70	Ashtead	420	..	1.6	26.6
43.10	Avonside	99	..	5.6	11.6
3.67	Bailey (Ben) Con	35	..	2.5	21.4
8.41	Barcom	45	+2	..	..
307.90	Barratt Dev	169	+3	4.4	13.1
379.10	Beazer Homes	135	+4	5.0	10.6
181.90	Bellway	186	-3	4.7	11.0
16.20	Belwinch	36	+3	..	31.7
255.80	Berkeley Grp	330	-18	2.7	10.5
26.70	Bett Bros	178	..	3.2	5.5
58.70	Bout (Henry)	225	-3	3.7	11.1
15.20	Brandon Hire	103	+3	1.8	..
15.10	Br Bldg & Eng	135	-15	7.4	8.4
308.70	Bryant	111	-7½	5.6	12.5
42.60	CALA	99	-1	3.5	13.7
4.75	Campbll & Arm	33	+1	..	..
6.40	Clarke T	52	..	3.0	44.1
121.70	Costain	23½	+4½	..	..
73.50	Countryside	104	..	5.2	12.8
79.20	Crest Nicholson	80	+2	2.5	14.8
16.48	Cussons	82	-2	4.6	11.1
9.17	Edmond Hldgs	18	..	2.1	..
23.80	Eve Group	243	-20	5.7	9.8
24.90	Galliford	28	..	4.5	..
1.50	Gibbs & Dandy	88	..	3.8	..
87.20	Gleeson (MJ)	863	..	2.1	14.8
6.47	Green (Ernst)	64	-1	8.9	25.9
51.48	Havelock Euro	197	..	1.9	18.0
335.20	Hewden-Stuart	146	..	2.5	16.8
56.30	Higgs & Hill	85	-1	3.7	..
4.94	Howard Hldgs	19	..	5.3	17.7
3.65	Jarvis	9	-1½	..	..
59.40	Kellet	106	..	4.4	12.3
92.50	Laing (J)	202	-5	5.6	18.3
36.70	Laing 6.4% Cv Pf	91½	-½	8.7	..
10.60	Lon Clydeside†	117	+1½	5.7	..
19.90	Lovell (YJ)	50	-2	2.6	6.8
51.80	Maunders (J)	207	..	3.3	12.4
113.30	McAlpine (A)	184	-1	5.0	24.0
53.20	McCarthy & S	54	..	..	..
16.50	Morgan Sindall	57	-3	0.2	..
168.40	Mowlem (J)	97	+1	2.8	..
202.10	Persimmon	173	..	6.6	13.8
24.70	Pochins	2316½	-81¼	1.7	23.2
50.20	Prowting	116	-1	3.9	17.7
85.00	Raine Ind	50½	-½	7.4	10.5
4.78	Secure Retire	46	..	..	14.9
216.90	Redrow	98	-2	3.4	8.7
9.11	Serild-Rva	58	..	1.6	27.3
41.30	Sherit Hldgs†	380	-1	1.8	15.3
5.28	Shorco	110	-3	4.4	15.4
20.70	Smart (J)	205	..	5.2	21.5
83.30	Spenders	298	-5	1.2	20.8
50.50	Tay Homes	173	..	4.7	12.7
494.10	Taylor Woodrw	137½	..	1.7	31.1
180.80	Tilbury Dougls	535	-3	7.7	41.0
6.08	Tonic Hse†	59	-4	2.9	20.7
13.10	Try Group	19	..	3.3	..
49.09	Vibroplant	106	+1	4.4	19.0
69.70	Westbones	145	..	5.5	12.1
27.90	Ward Hldgs	53	..	1.2	..
85.20	Westbury	128	-4	5.3	11.6
24.60	Wiggins	5	+½	..	..
282.40	Wilson (C)	148	-1	3.6	12.3
291.40	Wilson Bowdn	312	-1	3.8	13.9
440.30	Wimpey G	122	+5	5.4	18.2

BUILDING MATERIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
10.20	Albrighton†	14	..	4.5	23.6
105.40	Alumasc	340	..	2.2	..
22.00	Amberley Grp†	51	..	3.1	26.2
1,591.90	BPB Ind	318	+4	3.3	16.3
48.80	Baggeridge Brkt	123	..	3.2	12.7
183.00	Bardon	33	-1	7.6	..
17.30	Blockleys	69	-1	1.6	..
2,019.30	Blue Circle	277	+11	5.1	19.7
21.90	Breedon PLC	77	+4	7.5	22.0
23.80	Br Dredging	135	..	5.2	16.2
1,267.50	CRH	360	+7	2.7	18.3
2.46	Calebread Rby	41	..	..	4.4
113.60	Capa	210	..	6.5	13.3
1,417.30	Caradon	237	+11	4.7	15.7
212.40	Caradon pf	118	+3½	7.7	..
4.84	Chieftain Gp	54	..	8.1	10.8
1.81	Dyson (J&J)	110	+2	4.0	16.3
9.04	Dyson 'A'	66	+½	6.8	9.7
16.90	Eclipse Blinds	12	..	..	..
60.70	Epwin	281	+2	3.5	18.7
29.90	Erith	82	..	2.8	34.9
201.70	Graham Grp	176	+1	3.3	16.8
98.80	Halstead (J)	326	-8	2.9	15.0
692.50	Hepworth	285	-3	6.5	16.2
7.72	Hewetson	83	..	2.3	14.3
6.12	Hewitt (J)▲	90	..	2.4	..
243.60	Heywd Wlm	254	+5	6.6	14.3
208.30	Ibstock	80	+3	1.6	..
28.50	Johnston	269	..	2.1	32.3
27.00	Litteshall	96	..	6.2	10.0
375.80	Marley	131	+5	4.0	15.5
154.20	Marshalls†	126	-2	4.5	11.2
434.70	Meyer Int†	345	+17	3.9	13.4
200.90	Newman Tnks	166	+1	4.8	21.0
153.80	Norcros†	88	-1	9.9	16.7
4.52	Phoenix Timber	13	..	..	..
1,181.20	Pilkington†	148	..	3.4	28.5
196.00	Polypipe	125	..	2.3	14.4
1,840.00	RMC Gp	934	+5	2.9	19.3
3.12	Ramus	13	..	..	..
2,222.20	Redland	429	+4	7.3	19.9
16.40	Rockel	109	..	4.9	..
712.80	Rugby Group	112	+2	3.9	14.1
20.60	Russell (A)	89	..	3.2	18.3
176.90	SIG	239	+7	2.9	19.2
4.64	SWP	18½	..	1.4	25.7
36.80	Sharpe & Fisher	176	-1	3.1	12.9
176.70	Spring Ram	39	+2½	1.6	..
1,059.70	Tarmac	115	+1	6.0	..
17.10	Tilbert	157	..	3.6	12.6
293.70	Travis Perkins	286	+6	3.6	17.6
2.73	Tudor	25	..	1.2	..
11.30	Ungroup	36	..	..	..
1.07	Waterhouse	43	..	..	..
349.80	Wickes	94	+8	1.7	21.1
2,131.20	Wolseley	775	+16	2.7	15.3

BUSINESS SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
16.18	Anglo Ltd	1½	..	..	..
15.40	App Holo	70	..	..	..
333.90	Allwoods	116	..	5.3	..
3.71	Baffey (CH)	6½	..	..	..
10.40	Black Arrow	42	..	9.2	6.7
3.16	Br Bloodstock	81	-3	..	72.7
3.28	Caird Gp	5½	..	..	16.0
2.36	Chemex†	6	+1	2.1	..
16.90	Cosalt	147	-1	6.8	9.9
57.20	Finlay	216	+1	1.2	18.5
6.76	Headway	42	-1	2.1	32.7
62.80	Hosslock†	284	..	3.5	13.1
109.60	Leigh	186	-1	5.9	15.3
40.70	Mobo Gp†	230	-1	3.4	14.9
130.50	Photo-Me†	215	+4½	2.8	20.9
18.10	Pind & Gen	56	..	3.9	..
0.53	Perth Group	#2¾	..	..	..
14.80	Rodime	10	..	..	..
151.00	Stanks & McEwan	82	-2	3.2	..
37.30	Sinclair (Wm)	171	-5	5.2	13.2
1,496.50	Waste Mgt Intl	399	+5	..	15.1

CHEMICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
628.80	Allied Colloids†	119	..	2.5	16.8
30.50	Amber Ind	780	..	3.4	15.5
7,813.30	BASF DM	£139¾	+237½	3.6	..
3,408.10	BOC	713	-4	4.3	26.3
375.90	BTP†	277	-17	4.6	15.7
9,809.40	Bayer DM50	£146⅝	+250	3.2	..
72.30	Brent Chems	107	..	4.7	..
474.80	Br Vita	218	-6	4.3	16.2
3.92	Cambridge Iso	30	-2	..	..
52.90	Canning (W)	187	+1	4.9	31.6
1,676.50	Courtaulds	416	-10	4.5	28.4
469.70	Croda	355	-7	3.6	15.2
13.60	Doeflex	128	-2	4.5	12.9
19.90	Euro Colour	66	..	2.6	19.1
10.70	Gibbon†	118	..	5.8	10.9
221.40	Hickson	126	+5	7.9	11.3
8,114.70	Hoechst	£137½	+240⅞	2.7	..
218.10	Holliday Chem	208	-1	2.6	17.0
5,401.00	ICI	746	-16	4.6	60.3
137.20	Kalon	102½	-1½	5.4	9.7
1,282.00	Laporte	658	-16	4.0	16.7
30.80	MTM	83	-1	0.8	..
120.70	Manders	304	..	4.1	14.8
69.30	McLeod Russel	115	..	6.7	12.6
14.70	Merrolect†	61	-5	7.1	8.2
24,031.10	Montedison	451⅝	+3½	4.4	20.7
46.50	Pensid	300	..	2.0	..
458.20	Scapa	193	+½	3.8	15.7
16.40	Sutcliffe Speak	29	..	3.0	17.1
6,742.40	Takeda Chem	771	+5	0.8	14.3
80.90	Wardle Storeys	325	-3	6.6	18.1
44.10	Wellington Hdg	187	..	3.5	18.1
57.40	Wolstenme R	775	..	3.1	16.2
167.20	Yorks Chem	365	..	2.8	15.8
288.00	Yule Catto	259	-10	3.2	19.7

DISTRIBUTORS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
26.70	ASI Ldr	99	..	5.1	11.4
13.60	Acal	323	..	2.8	16.7
29.60	Adam & Harvy	595	..	3.3	7.5
5.06	Aerodec	23	-1	3.1	12.6
71.80	Amtrak	137	..	6.8	18.9
11.60	Ar. Bt Eng	45	-½	1.4	32.1
135.70	BSG Group	520	-2	4.4	12.3
8.03	Bearin Fr[illegible]	23	..	5.4	11.8
15.40	Beechy [illegible]	33	..	5.2	10.4
1.36	Boyd 'A'	2	..	7.7	11.8
15.70	Bramalds	347	..	4.7	19.3
4.12	Britannia Co	15	..	5.7	78.0
23.60	Bk Fittings	95	-1	3.0	..
13.50	Brown & Tawse	43	..	..	..
33.10	Bunzleast	37	-1	6.5	..
8.56	Caffyns	280	-3	5.5	42.7
10.30	Carpet Pc	23½	-1	6.7	11.4
10.60	Central Mtr	74	-2	4.7	..
12.50	Cook [illegible]	41	..	3.6	12.3
362.20	Cowie	225	-1	5.1	11.2
33.40	Cox Motors	120	..	5.9	15.9
25.90	Dennison Eit	565	-2	1.4	14.5
244.80	Diploma	435	-6	3.9	15.4
1,087.30	Electrocomponents	420	-3	2.7	19.6
41.60	Electron House	163	..	2.7	13.7
211.00	Evans & Everard	295	..	2.8	16.8
98.50	Evered [illegible]	251	..	5.3	15.7
55.70	European Mtr	104	-6	5.4	11.3
121.90	Essex [illegible]	391	..	4.7	12.0
729.60	Farnell Elect	547	+11	1.8	27.4
6.76	Fife Indmr	12	..	6.2	8.3
20.40	Gardiner	13	-4	5.4	..
5.44	Glendevon	211	..	..	23.7
6.46	Gowrings	11	..	3.5	21.5
25.10	Hallen Hldgs	128	-2	..	33.1
18.40	Harris (Phil)	170	-1	5.0	14.9
124.56	Henlys	207	-1	3.6	14.0
2.03	Holders Tect	97	..	1.7	10.5
42.30	ISA Int	106	-1	2.0	13.2
1,667.80	Inchcape	317	-½	5.9	10.5
6.36	Jacks (Wm)	58	+3	..	13.4
263.50	Kwik-Fit	151	-4	3.3	17.3
278.80	Lex Service	292½	-3	5.7	11.2
34.90	Lookers	77	-2	5.4	..
33.70	Matrix Svs	14½	..	2.2	..
38.20	Middleton C	6½	-1	..	..
41.90	Nortons	433	-3	3.7	19.0
15.50	Normans	91	..	1.8	38.6
15.40	PCT	152	..	6.1	14.7
69.20	Pendragon	152	-3	4.0	15.4
33.66	Perry Gp	133	..	6.6	7.3
29.00	Quest Grp	119	..	6.2	13.7
15.70	RCA	162	..	4.5	34.1
4.87	Reece	3	..	..	..
7.01	Ross Co	5	-½	5.0	..
32.40	SFP Ins	42	-1	3.3	..
15.70	R S Range	42	-1	3.0	16.9
129.30	Time Products	221	..	4.5	15.3
17.80	Vardy (Reg)	168	..	3.9	12.8
54.50	Wholesale Fttgs	243	..	6.1	21.4
27.20	Wilts Gp	15½	-1½	4.0	8.7
52.50	Wiseman	69½	-½	4.2	23.4
53.29	Wyatt	64	-3	2.6	21.7
13.10	Young (H)	79	+2	5.7	14.8

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
124.10	Adwest	151	+½	6.2	15.4
489.20	Anglo Amer Ind	315	-5	1.4	25.7
17.40	Amcoal	47½	-½	4.7	9.9
14,646.70	Brsken Hill	894	-29	2.4	18.4
11,050.50	BTR	304	-½	5.1	16.0
13,916.30	BAT	449	-1½	5.8	11.7
255.90	Berisford Intl▼	236	-6	0.3	62.4
131.30	Body Ltd	84	+2	4.5	15.6
1,226.40	Brierley Inv	47½	+1½	9.2	..
659.00	Charter	769	-5	3.7	22.5
1,235.90	Cookson	219	-5	3.7	19.8
12,178.90	Hanson	235½	-2½	6.4	16.2
956.90	Harrisn Crsfld	136	-6	8.3	15.5
8,427.30	Hutch Whamp	230⅞	+11½	2.4	16.6
3,501.10	Jardine Math	487⅞	+42½	3.0	17.1
5.22	Jourdan (T)	29	..	4.3	28.8
1,171.40	Lonrho†	151½	-1½	3.7	26.5
38.20	Porter Chadbn	40½	-1½	..	..
467.70	Powell Duffryn▼	483	-25	6.5	13.6
29.30	Rogner	127	..	7.4	14.4
890.00	Rothmans	447	-8	5.4	21.7
29.70	Saltire	12	-½	..	4.6
2,695.60	Sime Darby	137	+12	3.2	17.4
189.90	Slavelry	186	..	6.4	51.7
182.40	Suter	156	-3	7.5	15.0
371.10	TT Group	237	..	2.3	..
2,781.30	Tomkins†	235½	+16	4.1	15.1
686.40	Trafalgar Ht	64	-2	2.0	..
57.40	Unidare	295	..	6.3	..
532.50	Wassall	271	-3	1.7	23.3
14.50	Widney	10½	-½	2.5	15.6
1,924.70	Williams Hldg	333	+5	4.9	20.6

ELECTRICITY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,430.10	East Midlands†	741	-36	4.7	31.2
1,720.00	Eastern Grp†	688	-35	4.5	15.1
1,352.20	London Elect	685	-17	4.5	10.5
875.50	Manweb†	760	-34	4.5	9.1
1,163.60	Midlands Elect	736	-38	4.2	11.3
6,089.50	National Power	475	-3	3.4	13.0
1,072.00	Northern Elect	958	-15	3.5	11.4
576.10	Nthn Ireland	350	-3	4.3	9.4
1,333.10	Norweb†	793	-17	3.9	9.6
4,919.20	PowerGen	512	-20	3.3	11.1
1,201.00	Hydro-Elect	313	-7	5.3	9.8
2,643.80	Scottish Power†	324	-8	4.9	10.2
996.70	Seeboard	407	-25	3.8	11.1
700.60	Sth Wales†	759	-48	4.8	10.3
854.20	Sth Western†	764	-39	4.1	10.1
1,953.90	Southern Elect	721	-23	4.2	10.5
1,386.90	Yorkshire Elect	755	-33	4.6	12.9

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
53.90	Acorn Comp	80	..	..	..
72.40	Admiral	635	..	1.3	19.5
92.00	Alba	195	..	3.3	15.1
10.10	Ansbad	132½	-½	2.4	..
28.30	Arlen	38	..	..	..
230.20	Astec	77½	-2	1.5	15.9
28.80	Aslan	132½	..	2.8	10.7
1,120.30	BICC	317	+14	7.6	20.9
25.80	Bailes Huntart	243	+1½	5.1	..
26.20	Berkeley Bus	10	..	..	..
141.20	Blick	463	+6	3.2	15.3
556.70	Bowthorpe	298	+5	2.9	17.2
4.81	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	18½	+½	1.7	10.8
36.10	CML Micro	194	..	3.9	12.4
11.50	Channel Hldgs	32	-4	4.9	9.1
52.70	Chloride†	21½	+½	0.6	60.9
12.00	Clayhithe†	65	-1	5.1	..
14.80	Coxmore	140	..	3.8	..
360.80	Cray Elect†	152	-1½	2.1	17.7
65.50	Colchley	468	+1	2.3	19.7
703.40	Dantia Bs Sys	370	-4	0.6	27.1
684.90	Delta	469	+6	4.0	19.7
141.30	Dewhirst	533	-2½	2.3	..
100.80	Dowding Mills	68	-2	4.7	24.8
95.70	Druck†	1495	..	0.9	25.4
2,276.60	Electrolux 'B'	3195½	+15½	3.3	..
29.90	Emess	28	+1½	0.4	..
6,974.40	Ericsson 'B'	3512⅛	-68⅞	1.1	30.4
32.60	Eurocopy	67	-3	3.8	..
342.50	Eurotherm†	384	+7	1.8	19.8
305.10	Fairey Group	380	-3	2.1	20.1
19.80	Forward Gp	243	+24	2.8	15.0
13.60	Forward Tech	40	-½	3.3	8.3
7,905.50	GEC†	290½	+16½	4.7	14.3
211.40	Gestetner	107	+2	2.8	..
86.40	Graseby	134	-3	5.6	12.6
55.90	Ind Control	140	+3	4.5	11.8
124.20	Kenwood Appl	270½	-11½	4.3	13.4
460.60	Kershaw (A)	1325	+20	3.2	..
5.17	Kode	55	+3	9.1	..
3.33	LPA Indt	37	-2½	5.4	26.3
53.80	MIL Inst	299	..	1.8	18.0
133.30	Memec-Sw	271	-2	2.1	18.9
26.10	Microvitec	35½	+½	..	17.8
266.00	Mael	252	-14	..	..
3.15	Pacer Systems	67	..	8.6	24.2
92.90	Peek	77	-1	5.5	18.4
6,818.70	Philips Lmp av	2031¼	+21½	0.9	9.1
29.10	Pilco	303	-25	2.0	19.2
19.90	Pilco 'A' Vtg	288	-21	2.0	18.4
5.55	Plasmec	118	..	4.0	..
38.10	Pressac	103	+1	3.4	19.8
10.20	Prestwick	25	..	..	..
57.70	Psion	251	+3	1.4	17.6
616.40	Racal Elect†	230	-3	2.6	18.1
8.51	Radamec	46	..	5.2	12.6
115.20	Roxboro	213	-3	2.6	15.6
10.30	Scantronic	19½	+2	..	..
26.90	Sevenoaks	42	+1	2.4	24.9
5.35	Soundtracks	53	+6	6.1	..
51.20	Stato Bact	53	+5	8.8	..
2.00	TDS Circuits	9½	..	..	..
3,595.70	TDK	2734⅛	+12½	1.2	..
48.60	Tadpole Tech	195	-4	..	..
75.00	Telemetrix	82	+1	1.5	10.5
19.18	TGI	89	..	3.2	16.6
108.70	Telspec	343	-5	0.9	41.4
29.70	Thorpe FW	236	..	1.7	17.3
245.70	TLG	138	+2	3.2	18.8
3.84	Total Systems	38	..	..	39.5
78.70	Tunstall†	240	+7	2.0	16.1
262.80	Unitech	382	-6	2.3	19.1
19.90	Vertly▲	8½	+½	..	22.8
100.70	Volex†	380	-4	6.0	15.8
15.40	Waterbourne	70	+2	..	..
73.50	Whitecroft	167	+1	2.6	18.3

ENGINEERING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
25.70	AMT†	181	+½	3.1	..
170.00	APV	57½	..	9.6	..
132.70	ASW	199	-2	3.8	..
18.30	Aero Hamble	32	..	14.6	3.2
6.46	Aerospace Eng	16	..	6.0	..
25.00	Allen†	45	+3	2.8	..
36.30	Ash & Lacy	138	..	5.8	14.3
57.50	Atlas Equip	553	..	5.0	18.4
12.80	Ayrshire Metal	120	..	1.5	14.7
236.80	Babcock	38	..	..	..
83.60	BM	133	-2	6.3	20.4
112.50	Baynes (Charles)	78	-1	2.8	20.0
8.68	Beaufort	36	+1	..	..
1.87	Billam (J)	117	+2	5.7	7.3
181.20	Bodycote	313	+4	2.2	21.3
3.24	Booth Inds	81	+5	..	..
11.10	Braswayt	14	..	4.7	13.2
89.20	Bridon	158	-2	3.2	..
2,048.50	Br Aerospace	482	+14	2.3	42.3
3,122.90	Br Steel	154⅛	+5½	2.8	18.7
65.40	Bronsgrove Indt	90	-½	6.3	15.1
4.84	Brooke Tool	12½	-½	7.0	..
53.60	Bruel	46	-1½	..	..
183.90	Bullough	152	-1	5.1	..
25.70	Burnfield	75	..	3.1	32.2
14.70	CI Group	17	..	2.2	..
158.80	Carclo Engt	258	..	5.0	15.7
67.60	Castings	159	+4	2.2	19.5
10.80	Chamberlin Hill	150	..	5.6	9.5
71.50	Chemring†	308	+8	4.0	14.5
14.10	Clyde Blowers	179	..	3.1	..
229.10	Cobham	393	-6	3.2	15.1
4.06	Cohen (A)	508	-2	0.8	..
101.70	Concentric	187	-1	4.1	14.7
52.10	Cook (Wm)	237	-1	4.0	11.3
126.50	Dowd Brown	220	-1	3.7	15.5
109.60	Dobson Park▼	70	..	6.7	..
157.60	ES	344	-11	4.5	13.8
33.20	Elliott (B)	94	..	2.7	14.1
53.10	Excamat	84	..	3.9	59.5
649.30	FKI	145	-2	3.6	16.8
94.70	Fenner	137	-1	1.4	63.8
4.98	Ferrom	20	-5	..	..
32.50	GEI Int	88	..	3.6	16.1
4.56	Garton Eng	120	..	4.8	..
634.10	Glynwed	304	-3	4.8	17.8
36.30	Graystone	13	..	2.3	11.0
73.60	Haden Macln	67	-1	3.7	17.3
10.90	Hadleigh	151	+1	2.1	17.1
47.30	Hall Eng	148	-1	6.8	11.6
393.20	Halma†	197	-7	1.6	21.3
32.30	Hampson Indt	52	..	4.9	9.7
4.05	Hay (Norman)	27	+1	..	..
41.60	Hill & Smith	125	..	8.2	..
46.10	Hopkinsons	69	..	2.8	..
14.60	Hov Gp	35	..	2.7	..
238.60	Howden	82	-3	3.9	13.3
165.60	Hunting	170	..	7.4	24.3
947.10	IMI	290	-1	4.4	24.6
56.90	Johnson & FB	40½	-1	..	..
982.50	Johnson Matthy	516	+8	2.0	19.4
7.71	Jones Shipman	30	..	..	..
9.83	Kelsey Indt	317	..	5.1	..
25.60	Lincat	270	+2	3.2	16.8
3.45	Locker (T) A	11½	..	4.3	..
50.70	ML Hldgt	32	..	4.5	11.1
6.30	MC Hb	23	-1	8.2	13.9
24.60	Mang Bronze	149	-1	3.4	11.6
391.90	McKechnie	402	+10	4.6	23.6
16.50	Meggitt	63	..	7.8	10.1
99.10	Metch	109	..	4.3	18.1
30.30	Metsec	131	..	2.9	18.2
166.90	Molins	491	-1	4.0	9.8
688.00	Morgan Crble	314	+10	5.1	15.2
23.60	Montc Ashby	202	-2	3.9	14.4
9.36	Neepsend	34	-1	4.6	17.1
10.10	Nestconcast	70	+7½	3.0	..
1.86	Newport (L)	40	..	..	..
20.60	OMI Intl▼	28½	-12½	7.7	..
155.80	Oxford Instl	320	..	2.0	18.8
214.60	Powerscreen	245	..	3.8	10.3
29.69	Prospect Inds†	13½	-½	8.0	6.8
0.90	Radiant Metal	73	..	..	..
37.30	Ransomes	55	-4	..	..
26.60	Record	80	..	5.6	18.0
144.20	Renchlow	268	..	3.6	22.6
125.70	Renold	189	-2	2.9	26.2
4.87	Ricardo (Leics)	58	..	4.8	41.5
27.80	Richardson Westl	77	..	5.3	16.8
1,957.10	Rolls-Royce	159½	..	3.9	28.1
144.20	Rotork	165	..	3.3	16.8
37.00	Rubicon	159	+11	3.8	25.7
206.30	Senior Eng	68½	-2½	6.2	11.2
35.60	Sessions	266	..	3.1	38.4
2,221.30	Siebe†	519	-10	2.7	16.7
128.20	Simon Eng	82	+7	..	..
43.60	Sir Hundred	81	..	2.1	28.0
121.20	3M 'B'	1140⅝	+9¾	..	..
287.40	Smiths Ind	429	-6	3.8	16.5
336.10	Spirax Sarco	432	..	2.9	18.4
63.50	Sterling Indt	234	+2	3.7	15.7
1,581.80	TI	338	-2	4.2	18.7
7.28	Tacley (F)	97	..	7.2	13.2
58.60	Transter Tech	60	+5	6.9	8.6
83.50	Triplex Lloyd	129	..	6.8	..
32.60	Utd Indc▼	15	..	0.8	..
569.10	VSEL	1495	+7	3.0	14.0
19.90	Vecon	13½	+2	..	..
583.40	Vickers	177	+4	2.5	18.7
102.50	Victaulic	245	-6	4.1	13.5
11.20	Volex Grp	9½	..	..	..
216.30	Vinten	525	..	1.9	13.7
235.70	Vosper Thorny	739	..	3.2	16.0
267.90	Wagon Ind	448	..	5.1	22.8
462.50	Weir	335	-13	3.5	14.0
47.30	Westland	49	+1½	1.2	63.7
39.20	Whatman	427	+1	3.1	15.7
37.00	Wheeler	136	..	4.3	..

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
8.74	AAF Inds	38	+2	..	..
13.50	Airflow Stream	159	..	3.1	15.6
118.50	Avon Rubber†	444	-8	4.6	16.0
778.90	BBA	191	..	2.9	..
167.00	BSG	57	..	7.0	35.6
16.40	Benson Group	11½	-½	3.6	15.8
45.50	Boskons	288	-5	3.6	16.4
13.60	Boustead†	21	+½	6.0	..
22.60	Caverdale	10½	..	1.7	10.9
34.30	EHFI	350	..	1.4	..
61.10	First Tech†	394	+1	1.7	22.7
1,939.30	GKN	556	+7	4.6	32.5
17,630.30	General Mtr	2481¾	+118⅝	2.1	..
9,571.50	Honda Motor	982½	-33¾	0.5	..
435.10	Laird	307½	-7½	4.4	14.9
6.90	Lodes	345	..	..	..
1,476.50	Lucas	185	-4	4.7	..
114.80	Mayflower	57½	+1½	3.0	23.4
34.10	Middleton	65	..	..	9.0
26.70	Syltone	158	..	4.0	17.5
804.80	T & N	152	+1½	8.9	13.2
168.60	Trinity Hldgs	326	..	2.5	23.7

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,668.50	AB Foods†	593	..	3.4	12.3
146.80	Acatos & Hutch	265	-1	4.3	9.9
319.50	Albert Fisher	45	..	10.3	13.3
18.00	Banks (S C)	209	-1	5.9	7.9
72.20	Barr (AG)†	378	..	2.6	..
4.78	Barrows Crisp	26	-9	..	..
895.80	Booker	399	+6	6.9	14.7
25.90	Borthwick	44½	..	3.7	21.1
21.30	CPL Aromas	105	..	1.9	18.6
3,619.60	Cadbury-Schw	434	+13	4.6	14.0
17.60	Carrs Milling	355	+1	3.0	11.6
21.40	Cranswick†	153	..	6.8	11.7
15.00	Dalepak	129	-2	3.0	..
963.30	Dalgety	419	+15	6.6	11.4
4.07	Daniels S	48	..	0.8	..
288.60	Devro	219	+7	3.6	14.8
23.90	Evershd	94	-1	3.3	35.3
1.18	Faringdon	4½	..	..	..
67.80	Finlay (James)	68	-7	7.6	9.2
16.40	Global	13	..	4.8	11.6
20.10	Grand Central	51	-1	..	..
358.70	Greencore†	427	+17	3.0	11.2
253.10	Hazlewood Fds	169	+3½	7.7	6.8
1,215.20	Hillsdown	175	-1	6.3	12.5
95.70	Hobson	24½	..	..	..
34.40	JLI Group	83	-1	7.3	11.7
55.90	Linton Park	345	..	6.3	9.9
129.90	Matthews (B)	104	-2	3.3	12.5
425.60	Man ED & F†	166	-1	8.5	9.1
91.70	Nichols (JN)	231	..	3.2	14.8
1,184.70	Nthn Foods†	206	+2	5.3	10.6
6.72	Nthmbrn Fn	11	..	..	..
3.70	Pascoe's	23	..	..	..
88.20	Perkins Food	65	+1	8.6	10.9
4.08	Sealy Farm	95	+4	3.0	9.6
6.74	Sims Food	75	..	12.5	..
1,554.80	Tate & Lyle†	432	+4	4.2	8.9
22.20	Tesar	231	+1	2.5	..
843.50	Unigate	360	+7	6.1	9.8
9,499.40	Unilever	1167	+3	2.7	16.8
11,980.00	Unilever (NV)	7456¼	+86¼	2.9	14.8
1,754.90	Utd Biscuits	333	+11	5.7	27.2
15.30	West Trust	36	..	8.8	24.9
43.20	Yorkshire Food	97	-3	4.2	11.5

HEALTHCARE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
253.20	AAH†	392	-34	7.9	9.9
471.40	Amersham	817	-28	2.4	17.1
21.90	Anagen	47	..	..	..
33.10	Assoc Nursgt	202	..	1.4	11.8
74.10	Bespak†	293	..	4.4	15.0
30.10	Care UK	7½	-½	..	..
43.20	Caltex	72	..	..	..
39.80	Cortecs	36	-1	..	..
74.40	Community H	224	..	4.4	12.9
66.40	CrestaCare	35	+2	2.7	..
26.20	Environmed†	102	..	2.0	13.0
9.27	Ferraris Group	85	..	3.3	11.8
67.50	Goldsborough†	154	..	2.7	..
17.10	Greenacre	9½	-½	4.4	12.9
128.80	Huntingtn Tec	456	+12	1.4	21.2
13.10	Intercare Gp†	46	..	9.5	..
33.80	Isotron	270	..	2.2	15.9
23.00	Life Sciences	134	-1	3.8	13.3
324.80	Lon Intl	96	+8	..	..
35.20	Nestor-BNA	47	+1	8.4	11.6
4.38	Premier Health	1½	..	..	..
34.30	Quality Care†	245	-5	2.3	..
80.90	Scholl	130	+1	6.7	11.5
139.10	Seton Health	336	-5	2.5	17.1
10.20	Shield Diag	55	..	..	..
1,784.90	Smith & Nephw	163⅝	+3½	3.8	18.1
1.25	Specialeyes	8	..	..	..
254.40	Takare	203	..	1.3	17.7
422.90	UniChem	246	-7	3.5	13.2
173.90	West Hldcare	341	-1	1.6	19.4

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
48.50	Airsprung	203	..	3.0	13.1
8.25	BLP Group	125	-5	1.0	34.3
2.84	Beaten Bbrss	35	..	..	..
37.29	Crowll Plc 'A'	92	-1	7.7	20.6
7.54	Creighton Nt	164	..	5.9	11.5
48.40	Denby Group	145	+3	2.7	..
8.52	Caskell	133	..	4.0	..
9.32	Lowheart	4½	..	5.3	..
32.40	Maybom	163	..	4.5	10.8
136.40	Oneida Intl	256	-3	5.2	11.5
23.50	Osborne & Little	386	..	2.4	11.7
102.70	Paterson Zch	421	..	4.1	12.2
88.10	Paterson Zch 'A'	383	..	4.5	11.1
2,707.20	Reckitt Colm	640	+18	3.5	16.2
55.50	Relyon	262	+3	2.6	47.8
89.60	Salesbright	193	-2	5.2	12.1
20.90	Stoddard	31½	..	6.3	11.9
12.80	Tomkinsons	207	..	6.9	..
8.50	Victoria Carpet	125	..	4.5	7.1
119.40	Walker Greenbk▲	103	+1	4.4	18.9
418.20	Watford Wdgwd	59	+1	..	46.0
3.10	Wood (Arthur)	155	..	2.4	31.2

INSURANCE

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
574.90	Alex & Alex	1312½	+56¾	5.1	..
3,884.30	Am Gen	1856⅝	+62⅞	4.3	..
56.00	Angerstein	83	-4	1.8	68.4
22.00	Archer†	60	+1	2.1	..
59.20	Bradstock	98	+1	7.6	..
792.50	Britannic	418	+9	3.9	..
76.30	CLM Insce	88½	-3½	2.8	..
3,285.20	Cmml Union	497	-2	6.4	18.7
46.30	Delian†	91	-4	2.1	..
112.50	Dom & Gen	1655	..	2.1	17.7
99.90	FAI	33	..	1.5	..
67.10	FBD E	166½	-½	4.1	7.7
54.10	Fenchurch Grp†	150	-5	6.7	10.0
27.40	Fleetway Under	91½	-3½	1.8	59.0
2,332.90	Gen Accident	515	-5	6.8	8.3
1,520.80	GRE	174	-1	5.6	19.5
56.10	HCG Lloyds	86	-2½	1.9	72.5
156.70	Heath C E	237	-1	8.4	..
99.50	Hibernian IE	193	-4½	5.0	7.3
31.10	Hiscox Select	103½	-1	1.8	..
120.20	Independent	269	-2	4.1	7.3
558.70	Irish Life	184	+3	6.4	17.2
153.40	JIB Group	120	-2	7.8	11.0
27.30	Kiln Capital	101	..	5.0	..
2,156.00	Legal & Gen	440	+8	5.8	17.5
3,275.00	Liberty Lifet	1375	+21¼	7.6	5.2
271.60	London Ins Mkt	97	-1	2.6	33.8
115.00	Lloyd Thomp	148	..	6.6	9.8
2,509.10	Lloyds Abbey	361	+31	6.4	10.9
82.90	Lombard Ins	233	+2	4.2	22.0
379.60	Londn & Man	314	+8	6.4	15.6
271.60	London Ins Mkt	97	-1	2.6	30.8
87.20	Lowndes Lmbt	147	..	6.8	9.1
3,759.60	Marsh McLnt	5100	+275	3.6	..
32.60	Minet Heath†	81	-5½	..	..
78.60	Nelson Hurst	174	-1	4.0	17.4
47.10	New London Capt	78½	-4½	1.6	..
26.50	Orion†	104	..	6.0	..
13.80	Premium Trust	69½	-1½	3.6	..
13.50	Premium Unides	102	-3	..	..
5,760.00	Prudential	303	+5	5.6	13.1
6.84	PWS†	22	-2	3.4	..
416.30	Refuge	365	+7	5.5	19.5
1,790.20	Royal	275	+12	4.7	5.7
824.60	Sedgwick	151	+1	5.0	17.1
56.60	Steel Burrill	118	+1	9.5	..
27.80	Sturge Hldgs†	55	..	6.8	..
2,454.30	Sun Alliance	303	+4	6.2	8.4
40.80	Syndicate Cap	81½	-3½	1.9	65.0
122.50	Trade Indemnity	67	..	1.7	14.9
936.80	Transatlantic	310	-1	4.8	28.1
412.50	Utd Friendly	503	+13	4.2	25.8
595.00	Willis Corroon	142	+4½	5.8	16.8
7.10	Windsor†	21	-½	3.0	7.1

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
2,044.00	3i	350	-1	2.7	..
35.00	Abtrust Emergt	70	+1½	0.4	..
23.50	Abtrust High Inct	77	-1	9.1	..
81.20	Abtrust N Dawn	188	+4	0.6	..
876.50	Alliance	1739	+29	3.4	..
207.20	American Trust	249	+6	2.7	..
462.50	Anglo & O'seas	405	+6	2.2	..
39.00	Baillie Gifford Sh	136	+2	..	..
276.10	Bankers†	178	+1½	2.7	..
47.00	Baring Em Eo	38½	-½	0.3	..
159.50	Baring Tribne	311	+2	2.2	..
11.50	Biry Stag	222	..	1.2	..
282.30	Br Assets	87½	+½	6.2	..
115.00	Br Empire Sec	46½	..	1.4	..
3.59	Br Empire Wts	27	..	..	..
614.60	Br Inv	197	..	3.1	..
59.50	Brunner	95½	-2½	0.3	..
139.50	Brunner	218	-1	3.2	..
66.00	BZW Conv	129	+1	7.6	..
77.80	Candover	325	+5	4.3	..
87.00	Central Euro Gwth	47½	-½	..	..
29.80	China & Eastern	146	+2	3.1	..
40.50	Contl Assel	185	..	2.1	..
5.54	Cunge Inv Inc†	78	..	13.1	..
46.00	Derby Cap	301	+7	..	..
18.40	Derby Inc†	156	+½	13.5	..
7.33	Drayton Blue	58	..	18.1	..
45.80	Dvn Eng Inv	93	+5	1.1	..
148.50	Dryt Far East	128½	+5	0.7	..
203.20	Dundee Inc G	635	-2	5.2	..
17.70	Dunedin Japan	87	+3½	..	..
50.70	Dundee Smlr	302	+1	3.7	..
2.56	Dundn Wts	32	+2	..	..
339.50	Dunedin Wrde	715	+1	1.7	..
344.20	Edn Dragon	52½	+2½	..	..
78.80	Edinburgh Inc	35	+½	0.2	..
657.90	Edinburgh	292	-½	3.8	..
14.20	EFM Japan	142	+3	..	..
545.30	Electra Inv	315	+1	2.9	..
169.80	Electric Genl	181	-½	2.2	..
8.14	Eng & Caledon	171	..	2.8	..
1.47	English Scot	112	+3½	..	..
69.60	European Assel	275	-4	2.2	..
80.80	Fidlty Euro Val	155	+2	0.2	..
80.60	Fidlty Jap Val	70½	+2½	..	..
24.00	Finsbury A	154	..	2.4	..
5.70	First Spanish	65½	..	0.5	..
185.90	Fleming Amer	277	+4	0.8	..
37.80	Fleming Chinese	62½	+1½	1.0	..
1.48	Fleming Ch Wts	29	..	..	..
111.70	Fleming Clavel	202	+3	2.4	..
191.30	Fleming Cont	293	-4	0.9	..
131.50	Fleming Em Mkts	136	-2	..	..
80.80	Fleming Entp	202	-1	3.0	..
432.40	Fleming F East	290	-1	0.7	..
43.60	Fleming Fledg	346	..	1.1	..
29.80	Fleming In Inc	92	+½	6.1	..
58.40	Fleming Indon	69½	+1	1.6	..
5.85	Fleming In Wts	35	+2	..	..
24.10	Fleming Mrt	12½	-1	13.7	..
41.70	Fleming Japan	220	+10	..	..
366.50	Fleming Merc	267½	+1½	3.1	..
43.50	Fleming Nat Res	67	-1	..	..
173.80	Fleming Overs	291½	+6	1.9	..
1,187.30	Foreign & Col	132	+2	1.7	..
41.20	For & Col Inc Com	96	-1	1.6	..
192.40	Frgn Eng Mkts	102½	-1½	..	..
64.40	Frgn Enterprise	68½	..	1.1	..
127.40	Frgn Eurotrst	211	+1	0.7	..
46.00	Frgn German	117	-1	0.5	..
337.20	Frgn Pacific	293	+5	1.1	..
66.10	Frgn PEP	132	..	3.6	..
164.90	Frgn Smaller†	157½	+½	1.6	..
47.70	Frgn US Smlr	95	+3	..	..
3.61	Fulcrum Cap	27½	..	..	..
5.05	Fulcrum Inc	45	..	24.1	..
12.50	Fulcrum Zero	145	+½	..	..
95.00	Gartmore Bnt	190	..	4.8	..
22.10	Gartmore Euro	130	-2	0.9	..
29.90	Gartmore Shrd	88	+2	14.0	..
30.50	Gartmore Smll Cos	212	+1	3.4	..
22.48	Gearard Inc Inv†	97	+1	10.7	..
25.20	Genl Cons Cap	139	-1	..	..
38.00	Genl Inc	105	..	10.4	..
35.10	German Inv	90	+1	0.1	..
77.60	Gov Asian Sm Co's	207	+6	0.2	..
37.30	Gov Emg Mkts	98	+2	0.3	..
34.10	Govett Am Smlr	137	..	..	..
34.10	Gov Eish Smlr	77½	-1½	..	..
40.50	Govett High Inc	81	-1	8.6	..
611.00	Govett Oriental	340	+5	0.4	..
224.90	Govett Strategic	329	+1	3.7	..
44.50	Greenfriar	387	-6	2.2	..
0.81	Gresham House	19	..	..	..
134.80	GT Japan†	216	+3½	0.7	..
84.30	H Govett Smlr Co	118	+½	1.1	..
30.80	Hend High	118	+2½	6.0	..
44.10	Hend Strats	364	-1	0.2	..
56.50	Herald	87	-1	..	..
95.60	HTR Jap Smaller	95½	+3½	0.6	..
0.45	I&S Eur	15	..	..	..
28.40	I&S UK Smlr	98	+1	3.6	..
305.60	Inv Cap	124	-1	5.3	..
32.40	Int Rotech	86	..	..	..
..	Int Wts	28	-3	..	..
30.40	INVESCO Korea	132	..	..	..
26.70	J Fry 2nd U	92	+1	8.7	..
9.74	J Fry Euro U	91½	-1½	6.6	..
123.40	JF Fledg Jap	196	..	..	..
25.40	Jupiter Intl Gm	101	..	4.2	..
161.80	Klwrt Chrt	189½	+2	3.3	..
28.90	Klwrt E Mkt	102	-1	..	..
34.80	Klwrt End	116	-1	..	..
382.50	Klwrt Euro Prvtt	76½	+1½	1.3	..
25.00	Klwrt Euro Wts	25	+1½	..	..
24.60	Klwrt H Inc	82	+1	12.5	..
179.60	Klwrt O'seas	224	+3	1.9	..
16.00	Klwrt Smll	121	-2	3.2	..
98.30	Latin American	109½	+3½	..	..
164.30	Law Debenture	724	+1	3.4	..
22.00	Lazard H Inc	97	+½	8.2	..
19.40	Lloyds Sm Cap	79	..	..	..
7.11	Lloyds Sm Div	39	..	15.3	..
26.70	Lloyds Sm Pkg	109	+1	4.1	..
53.10	Lon St Lawrence	162	-1	4.8	..
36.90	Lon Smaller Co's	81	..	4.9	..
67.90	Lowland	289	..	4.0	..
198.00	Lyndenburg	1250	-35	1.8	..
52.50	M&G 2nd Dual Cap	525	+10	..	..
11.90	M&G 2nd Dual In	119	..	25.2	..
109.90	M&G Dual Cap	2585	+17	..	..
14.19	M&G Dual Inc†	245	-24	..	..
66.00	M&G Inc Geared	65½	..	9.4	..
72.70	M&G Inc Inv Tst Cap	29½	+½	..	..
80.00	M&G Inc Inv Tst Inc	30½	+½	18.8	..
176.40	M&G Inc Package	121	..	5.1	..
138.00	M&G Inc Zero Div	56	+½	..	..
39.10	M&G Rec Cap	29	+½	..	..
573.10	M&G Rec Geared	57½	..	8.4	..
39.10	M&G Rec Inc	29	+½	16.7	..
145.90	M&G Rec Pacge	130	+1	3.7	..
99.00	M&G Rec Zero Div	73½	..	..	..
23.70	M Curne Euro	103	-1	0.4	..
51.70	M Curne Pac	126	+6	0.3	..
100.30	Majedie	191	-3½	3.4	..
11.70	Marana	57	..	..	..
258.80	Mercantile	253	+1	5.5	..
470.10	Mercury Euro Pv	81½	+1	0.9	..
31.60	Mercury Fw Wt	27½	+1	..	..
376.80	Mercury World	88½	-1½	..	..
20.40	Mercury Wld Wts	24	..	..	..
391.90	Monks Inv Tst	505	+10	1.7	..
52.80	Morg Gren Inc	133	-1	4.5	..
2.13	Morg Wts	44	+2	..	..
43.30	Morg Lon Amer	67½	-2	..	..
4.56	Morg Wts	35½	-1½	..	..
26.80	Murray Ent▼	108	+2	2.5	..
52.60	Murray Eng Eco	81	..	..	..
16.30	Murray Euro	56½	-1	0.6	..
271.50	Murray Income	315	..	4.7	..
363.60	Murray Intl	502½	+2	5.2	..
10.40	Murray S/C DP	163	..	..	..
7.79	Murray S/C Cap	130	..	..	..
6.40	Murray S/C Inc	80	+½	17.1	..
1.56	Murray S/C Uts	3000	..	4.4	..
221.00	Murray Smlr	794	-1	1.4	..
80.00	Murray Vent	324	+1	4.4	..
1.25	Murray Ent Wts	35	..	..	..
0.50	Murray Eu Wt	15	..	..	..
5.79	Newmarket	16	..	..	..
21.10	Pacific Inc	54	..	9.8	..
15.40	Pacific Cap	12	..	..	..
121.90	Pacific Inv Tst	320	..	1.3	..
3.27	Pacific Wts	182	-2	..	..
85.70	Pacific Assets	420	+34	0.4	..
12.40	Pacific Wts	77	+34	..	..
31.80	Perpetual Jap	87	+3	..	..
17.40	Personal Assets	8700	..	7.8	..
44.90	Pilot Inv	121	..	1.6	..
8.59	Pors Euro Sm	65	..	..	..
63.00	Pkdle Inc	90	+½	..	..
305.40	RIT Cap Ptnr	169	+1	1.1	..
10.50	River Merc Am Cap	28	+1	..	..
7.50	River Merc Am Inc	164	..	5.8	..
0.71	River Merc Am Wt	7½	..	..	..
47.90	River Merc Cap	119	..	..	..
35.70	River Merc Er Incr	96	+4	10.2	..
0.98	River Merc Er Wts	16	+3	..	..
11.50	River Merc Grd Inc	22	..	11.5	..
1.28	River Merc Grd Prf	32½	+½	..	..
21.90	River Merc Tst Inc	109	..	10.6	..
1.30	River Merc Wt	21½	..	..	..
30.50	River Merc Sm Co	121	-1	4.3	..
1.22	River Merc Sm Wt	35	-1	..	..
..	Robeco	394	-13	1.2	..
..	Rolinco	398	-18	2.3	..
100.00	Schrdr Jap Gwth	80	+3	..	..
8.52	Schrdr Jap Gwth Wt	34	+7½	..	..
51.70	Schrod Korea Fd	292½	+17½	0.2	..
4.22	Scot Korea Fd Wt	36½	+6½	..	..
42.60	Scot Sml Zero Div	113	+½	..	..
8.21	Scot Spal Fd Cap	29	..	..	..
64.00	Scot Spal Fd Inc	113	..	9.2	..
105.50	Schrod UK Gwth	90	+1½	2.1	..
..	Schrod UK Gwth Wt	31	+1	..	..
532.10	Scott†	204½	+2	3.1	..
341.00	Scot American	152½	+1	3.9	..
47.50	Scot Asian	226	+9	..	..
4.06	Scot Inv	589	..	..	..
653.10	Scot Eastern	70½	-½	2.5	..
757.50	Scot Mrtge	210½	..	2.5	..
143.70	Scot Nat Tst	91	..	10.6	..
51.10	Scot Value	101½	..	2.5	..
24.80	Second Alliance	1526	+20	3.5	..
252.80	Secs Tst of Scot	8⅝	+1½	5.0	..
29.00	Shires Assel	175	..	1.5	..
24.89	ShireSCOT	128	-1	5.3	..
41.20	Sphere Inv	34	+½	14.2	..
102.30	St Andrew Inv	237	+4	3.5	..
192.50	Temple Bar	236	+3	5.1	..
98.20	Tmpro Asas £	98	+3	0.6	..
15.90	Throg Dual Cp	453	-7	..	..
217.20	Throgmorton	71½	..	4.0	..
423.30	Tmpltn Emg Mkt	105½	+4½	0.9	..
292.10	TR City Of Lon	143	..	4.5	..
66.30	TR Far East	141	+4	5.1	..
136.00	TR Pacific	94	+8	0.2	..
137.70	TR Property▼	2½	+1	3.8	..
317.30	TR Smr Cos	178	+3	2.7	..
36.90	TR Tech Inv	101½	..	2.2	..
19.10	Turkey Trust	183	+2	1.4	..
82.30	USDC Invest	225	+3	3.5	..
49.80	Value Inc Tst	112	+1	4.7	..
12.50	Wigmore	62	..	1.0	..
636.90	Witan	223	+½	3.5	..
23.40	Yeoman Inc	95	..	18.0	..

LEISURE & HOTELS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
4.08	Abrstn Stk H	34	+2	..	..
498.90	Airtours†	438	+8	3.4	10.9
14.70	Ald Leis	21	+4	..	..
215.60	Alpha Airpts	143	+1	3.5	..
26.50	Arcadian	38	..	..	..
22.00	Badmo	115	..	3.8	19.8
22.20	Ban & W 'A'	222	..	5.6	9.2
101.20	Bluebird Toys	230	+20	3.3	6.8
65.70	Boosey Hwks	335	..	1.9	19.8
9.66	Brent Walker	2½	-½	..	..
11.30	Bristol Scots	183	..	2.0	..
2.71	Buckingham Int	2½	..	..	..
69.10	Chrysalis	256	..	1.6	..
148.00	City Centre Rest	77	..	2.9	15.6
783.30	Compass Gp	329	+10	2.6	16.9
66.50	Eurocamp	253	-2	5.3	15.2
1,117.00	Euro Disney	146	-1	..	..
19.90	Euro Leisure	2½	..	..	..
15.70	Fairline Boats	448	..	4.4	20.2
191.90	First Choice	120	+2	4.1	..
469.00	First Leisure	287	-1	3.1	17.9
2,251.40	Forte	238½	-1½	3.9	28.2
31.80	Friendly Hotels	160	..	4.5	25.8
7.24	GR Hldgs	55	..	2.5	..
2,892.50	Granada†	497	+15	2.5	14.8
17.70	Hi-Tec Sports	35	..	9.9	5.1
9.55	Hornby	115	-3	8.8	10.0
58.80	Jurys Hotel	173¼	+½	4.0	15.6
42.70	Kunick†	17¼	..	3.5	..
198.20	London Clubs	280	+2	5.3	14.3
1,942.20	Ladbroke	167	-1	2.6	29.5
2.96	Magnolia	52	-9	0.2	..
74.80	Man Utd	123	-3	4.3	20.0
514.60	Mandarin Orntl	75½	-1½	4.2	19.7
30.30	My Kinda Town	12½	..	..	..
30.10	Northern	76	+4	4.9	12.6
57.00	Pelican Gpr	79	-1	2.0	16.5
67.00	PizzaExpress	125	+1	2.0	19.2
8.67	Prism Leisure	102	-4	5.2	7.1
10.60	Quadrant Gp	29	-3	..	..
20.70	Ransdens (H)	235	-5	2.4	35.4
3,117.00	Rank Org	376	-2	4.5	18.8
20.30	Ryan Hotels IE	31	+½	4.2	17.7
261.70	Savoy Hotel 'A'	915	..	0.5	..
386.90	Stakis	81	-½	2.4	..
191.20	Stanley Leisure†	356	+14	1.9	19.5
1,050.40	Tanjong	280	..	0.7	15.7
4,483.50	Thorn EMI†	1050	+32	4.1	20.0
25.80	Tottenham Hot	161	+3	0.8	43.2
68.10	VCI	175	+4	1.5	15.6
99.00	Vardon	134	+3	1.1	23.7
14.20	Wembley	5½	..	..	..
7.33	Zetters Gp	111	-17	11.2	8.3

MEDIA

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
107.80	Abbott Mead	339	..	2.2	30.7
54.80	Adscene	308	+3	2.9	19.1
215.80	Aegis Gp	26½	-½	..	..
4.47	Allied Radio	3½	-3½	..	..
1.08	BBB Design	13	..	..	35.9
31.10	Barbour Index	184	..	6.0	16.2
5.21	Birkdale	5½	..	..	..
4.97	Black (A&C)	320	..	5.3	11.6
194.60	Blenheim Gp	209	+24	6.2	7.8
20.70	Border TV†	203	..	2.6	17.8
57.70	Bristol	354	..	4.4	36.0
4,519.20	B Sky B	253½	+7	..	49.6
54.00	CIA Gp	132	..	1.6	21.4
24.13	Caledonian Med	73	..	..	..
370.30	Capital Radio	373	-6	2.4	23.6
2,007.90	Carlton Comms	873	-5	2.2	15.9
6.95	Chrysalis	131	..	..	..
69.00	Daily Mail	1281¼	+25	1.5	..
1,050.70	Daily Mail 'A'	1305¼	+65¼	1.5	..
309.00	Dorling Kind	53½	..	1.1	34.9
791.63	EMAP	401	-5	..	..
4,647.50	Elsevier	£11¾	..	..	..
344.70	Eurotunnel Pk	1583	-5½	2.4	..
4.09	Foyles	11½	..	..	..
231.20	Lembrt	355	+11	..	..
58.70	GWR Gp	830	..	1.6	..
28.40	Gold Greenlees	144	..	..	..
9.79	Goodhead	13	..	..	..
41.20	Grampian	232	-1	3.4	15.5
125.70	HTV Group	141	+5	1.6	31.5
4.60	Hampden V	46	-9	..	..
51.20	Haynes Pub	325	-22	..	..
118.70	Holder Hme	401	..	..	15.4
16.20	Home Counts	162	..	5.9	..
372.90	Independent	253	-5	..	..
69.50	Int Bus Comm	390	-2	..	..
6.92	Inkspot	135	..	..	..
192.10	Johnston Press	144	+1	..	..
14.10	Lopex	19	..	..	..
56.10	LWSD	69	+4	..	..
85.20	Mets Buyen	159	+1	2.5	..
152.80	Micand Ind	110½	..	..	..
541.50	Mirror Gp	123	+6	..	..
119.60	More O'Ferral	305	-3	..	..
4,747.90	News Corp	285	+11	..	..
1,581.50	News Int	226	+18	..	..
7.36	Copey Comms	22	..	..	..
1,221.20	Pearson	585½	-6	2.3	22.0
64.30	Phonesse	121	..	..	..
7.42	Portmth Sund	103	..	..	..
41.00	Quarto	234	..	..	..
4,166.60	Reed Int	733	15	..	..
7,633.40	Reuters	455	+20	..	..
29.70	Saatchi	97½	..	..	..
51.80	Scot Radio	603	+15	2.7	..
210.60	Scot TV	435	-2	3.5	25.2
32.40	SelecTV	22½	+1½	..	..
50.70	Shandwick	37½	..	4.2	..
35.70	Southnews	357	..	1.9	23.8
20.00	Sterling Pub	43	-51	10.8	8.5
7.18	Smith & Sme	136	..	4.0	..
24.10	Tans Nelson	34	..	1.6	..
47.10	Tinsgwin	303	-1	4.1	..
4,296.00	Thomson Corp	775	+10	..	..
24.90	Trinity Int	300	-11	..	..
70.60	Ulster TV	667	+5	..	..
1,103.20	Utd Newspapers	456	..	..	..
17.40	VTR	100	-3	..	..
2.29	WAGO	12½	..	10.4	9.9
579.60	WPP	115	+2	1.1	16.5
213.40	Yorkshire TV	420	+6	..	..

MINING

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5.35	Alex Corp	20	-5	4.2	..
557.50	Ang Am Coal	3820	-230	2.5	13.5
7,332.00	Ang Am	3146⅞	+147⅞	2.5	23.4
1,346.30	Ang Am Gold	5575	+221⅞	4.3	14.5
17.10	Anglo Pac Res	32	-2½	..	..
1,105.50	Ashanti	1313⅞	+6⅞	1.2	15.6
204.60	Ashton	108	-3	4.9	..
14,646.70	Broken Hill	894	-29	2.4	13.4
45.40	Banaram	189	..	..	..
354.90	Beatrix	377½	+39¼	5.3	19.0
3.36	Beche	32	..	2.7	27.6
25.00	Blyvoors	184½	-13	..	..
116.30	Bougainville	39	-4	..	..
2.66	Bracken	14½	-5	6.1	..
51.80	Buffels	471¼	+102¼	11.7	..
6.59	Butte	2½	-1½	..	..
4,678.70	CRA	785	-45	2.8	24.2
45.10	Central Pacific	45	-2	..	..
34.20	Cluff Res	47	..	..	..
78.60	Coal Inv	82	-2	..	..
12.60	Cons Murchison	302	-17	3.1	..
5,085.20	De Beers	1337½	-18⅞	4.0	13.9
81.40	Deelkraal	81¼	+3½	4.4	7.1
21.50	Doornfontein	53¼	+2½	..	..
1,702.80	Driefontein†	834¾	+61⅛	5.6	11.1
14.50	Durban	623	+10½	..	..
63.30	E Rand Gold	138	+4½	15.0	4.4
95.40	E Rand Prop	72	-2½	..	..
38.90	Eastern Trans	45	-15	5.2	10.7
309.80	Elandsrand	319¼	-33¾	3.1	..
1,132.70	Eng China Cl	371	-7	5.5	17.9
989.40	FS Cons	814¼	+41¼	7.2	9.9
13.80	FS Dev	65	..	2.0	..
1,540.40	GFSA	1593⅞	+81¼	3.2	17.2
401.10	GM Kalgoorl	42	-4	3.4	15.3
2,989.90	Gencor	217¼	+22½	3.2	26.8
14.40	Gold Fields Prop▼	141	..	7.7	..
15.10	Greenwich R 'A'	13	-1¼	..	..
15.80	Grootvlei	138	+10½	6.5	7.7
86.30	Gwalia Cons	83⅞	+1½	1.1	10.0
153.40	Harmony	570⅞	+41	..	..
304.20	Hartes	271¼	+39¼	9.9	8.4
853.70	Impala Plat	1350	+187½	1.9	41.2
131.20	Kinross	105	-13	11.4	9.5
155.30	Kinross	862¼	-15⅞	7.9	8.4
968.70	Kloof†	698	+31½	5.3	6.3
16.90	Leslie	105¼	+8	10.3	6.1
38.70	Loraine	236¼	-11½	..	..
15.50	Meelbakens	18	..	..	..
0.89	Minaagura	3	..	..	..
1,329.50	MIM	95	-9	2.5	..
3,154.40	Minorco	1400	+125	2.6	..
85.90	Mnrerch	159	-10	..	..
58.80	NSM	98	..	..	9.2
950.70	Nth Brkn Hill	142	-11	3.7	20.6
82.50	Oryx Gold	50	..	..	..
157.70	Panconntineetl	71	-1	..	..
42.40	Petaling Tin	210	+10	0.6	..
829.90	Placer Pac	133	-16	..	..
145.60	RJB	322	..	4.7	15.6
8,301.30	RTZ	778	-10	3.3	22.2
4.90	Rackwood	31	..	..	..
342.90	Rand Mines	575	+12½	2.0	50.7
297.90	Randfontein	487¼	+24	10.2	6.1
437.40	Renison	220	-8	..	..
1,897.50	Rustnbrg	1509⅞	+209⅞	2.0	..
138.40	St Barbara	68	-2	2.2	16.3
51.90	St Helena	539¼	+52¼	11.5	..
161.80	Sons Gwalia	227	..	5.8	14.5
55.60	Sthern Pacific	20	-1	..	..
425.70	Southvaal	1637½	+168⅞	5.0	..
14.20	Stilfontein	108⅞	+1½	22.4	3.2
42.90	Unisel	153½	-11⅛	6.5	7.0
928.30	Vaal Reefs	4856¼	+50	4.6	..
11.10	Wankie Col Z	11	..	11.2	2.6
5.53	Water Hall	½	..	..	..
108.70	Welkom Elsie	520	-9	3.0	19.6
360.80	Western Areas	894⅞	+97⅞	1.8	36.8
575.50	Western Deep	2078⅛	+127⅞	4.3	..
3,546.00	Western Mng	321	-22	1.3	49.1
79.80	Winkels	656¼	-37½	7.7	8.7
51.50	Zambia Copper	42	-4	..	..
58.60	Zandpan	45	..	10.0	10.0

OIL & GAS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
111.20	Aran Energy	42½	-½	..	25.7
26.50	Arcos Intl	46	+1	..	..
..	Aus Oil & Gas	53	+½	..	..
15.50	Asiaq Pet	49	..	..	..
101.70	Br Borneo	226	+3	3.9	10.6
13,382.70	British Gas	308½	+3	6.9	..
23,199.40	Br Petroleum†	421½	+8½	2.8	23.1
16.90	Bula Resources	2½	..	..	..
1,654.00	Burmah Castrl	827	-1	4.2	16.4
49.90	Cairn Energy	77	..	..	42.4
446.50	Calor Gp	365	-9	5.9	12.8
159.20	Clyde Pet	39	+1	1.1	..
16.10	Copley Res	9½	..	..	..
38.58	Dragon Oil	2	..	..	..
7.31	Edin Oil & Gs	21	..	..	22.7
1,997.50	Enterprise	406	+4	4.9	..
19.40	Fairhaven Intl†	8	..	15.2	3.3
59.10	Fiogas	240	..	6.7	9.9
58.40	Fortune	5½	..	..	25.1
69.80	Goal Pet	67	..	2.7	22.3
44.20	Gl Western Res	39	-1	..	..
145.80	Hardy O & G	129	-2	1.9	16.5
46.50	Kelt Energy	54	-1	3.1	21.7
1,457.80	Lasmo	151	+4	0.8	..
3.54	Lasmo Units	56	..	19.6	..
421.80	Monument	63½	..	..	67.6
8.77	New London	5½	..	..	..
5,839.20	Norsk Hydro	2550	+75	1.3	..
6.59	Oceonics	4½	..	..	..
131.60	Oil Search	43	..	..	..
..	Petroz	29½	-1½	..	..
94.60	Pict Pet	183	-2	..	..
129.90	Premier	23½	-½	..	12.9
10.90	Presidio	43	..	15.5	..
45.50	Puencraft Rs	79	-3	..	..
59.20	Ramco Egy	310	+43	0.2	..
349.50	Ranger	355	-5	5.8	..
38,375.40	Royal Dtch Pl	7159⅝	+15⅝	4.6	18.3
8,165.80	Schlmberger	3356¼	+25	2.3	..
5.93	Scot Pickford	49	+2	2.3	9.4
43.70	Seafield	85	..	..	..
23,519.90	Shell	709½	-9½	4.4	21.5
3.40	Sunrise Eng Sv	#116	..	..	..
8,071.20	Total	3637½	+58¾	5.0	..
11.20	Viters Gp	9½	..	..	..
1,513.30	Woodside	227	-8	1.7	..
83.10	XCL	44	-1	..	..

OTHER FINANCIAL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
14.80	BWD	77	..	6.8	6.3
39.00	Baltic Plc	129	+2	1.9	8.2
4.81	Barry Bch Ntl	74	-2	8.6	11.2
89.10	Boilec Inv	150	..	..	..
24.30	Brown Dolphin	118	..	6.1	8.7

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Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
614.40	Caradon	631	-3	3.1	17.2
67.20	Carpetul	2400	+150	1.1	1.4
20.95	Carlsun	18½	-½	1.7	..
144.40	Cape Allan	443	..	8.0	9.1
20.70	Cartex	148	-1	4.4	16.6
7.75	Chattle	33	..	..	7.9
2.55	DTC	14	..	0.9	9.1
24.50	EFT Group	64	+½	3.4	13.6
13.40	EFM	774	..	4.2	21.4
21.33	Erm	178	-4	5.9	4.9
15.66	Gormane	176	-3½	2.8	20.3
32.95	General Ind	468	-6	6.4	13.5
22.10	Gwell	346	+21	5.4	5.7
21.12	Henderson Ad	1975	..	5.2	14.9
41.55	Invesco	168	-2	2.3	27.6
2.40	Investment Cat	45	..	4.9	14.4
62.50	Jerry Srse	214	-1	4.4	16.7
2,157.30	Jardine Strat	229½	+26	3.6	9.1
7.73	Johnson Fry	118	..	1.6	3.7
35.50	King Stnross	97	..	11.6	9.6
13.90	Lon Forfaiting	138	..	5.4	8.6
21.10	Lon Scot Bkt	119	-1	4.3	..
25.10	M & G	988	+10	2.9	17.3
74.90	MAI	237	-1½	4.1	12.9
..	MAI 5.9% Cv Pf	92½	..	..	..
1,415.60	NatWest	779	-20	3.7	18.2
11.40	Nat Home Loan	11	-½	..	1.0
22.70	Perpetual	1230	-15	2.6	13.3
79.53	Provident	323	+5	4.2	16.5
11.40	Ramsome Bn	245	-6	4.2	12.6
25.50	Rutland Tst	25	..	4.5	13.7
14.50	S & U	292	..	4.1	9.5
25.40	Charlsite	156	-13	7.2	5.8
23.70	SP Group	109	-3	3.4	1.1
77.70	Smith New Crt	432	-8	3.9	1.1
2,519.20	Save Pacific 'A'	362½	+20½	2.6	16.0
11.52	Torey Lab	77	..	7.3	6.6
20.00	Trio Holdg▼	24	..	9.5	..
23.40	Union	83	-1	6.4	6.1
3.50	Western Selection	24	..	1.1	..

PHARMACEUTICALS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
69.90	Dd Eichart	539	-8	..	..
20.10	Genus Pharma	330	-18	..	..
12.10	Drum	247	+11	..	..
8.50	Chiroscience	113	-1	..	..
12.60	Cortecs	36	-1	..	..
26.60	Fisons	108	+½	3.1	..
21,036.20	Glaxo	666	+49	5.1	16.1
7.10	Hampson Hlg	108	-1	6.4	21.0
40.70	Medeva	176	+5	2.1	14.2
4.20	Premier Health	1½	..	..	..
34.20	Scotia Caty	245	-6	2.3	..
21.50	Scotia	329	+2	..	..
21.40	Shield Diag	55	..	..	..
6,505.40	SmithKline	479	+29	3.2	18.7
5,533.20	SmithKline Uts	450	+30	3.4	17.5
3,856.00	Wellcome	1018	+20	2.9	23.7
13,320.00	Zeneca	902	+17	3.8	18.1

PRINTING & PAPER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
22.50	AG Holdings	127	..	5.4	13.0
21.40	API	399	-10	2.8	..
1,631.10	Arjo Wiggins	223	-10½	3.8	31.6
12.50	Aspen Comms	166	..	3.8	18.9
18.10	Bemrose	312	-16	4.3	13.0
7.61	Eadon	110	..	1.7	51.4
2,258.30	Bowater	407	-10	4.0	15.3
657.50	Brewer Inc	1761¼	-25	..	..
74.20	Chapman Intl	270	+1	1.9	16.5
146.90	Br Polythene	483	-21	3.2	16.9
4.05	B. Thornton	30	-2	18.8	2.6
18.20	Bunzl Gp	121	-2	2.6	11.8
658.50	Bunzl	164	-2	3.1	19.2
79.50	Caradon	142	..	4.0	11.1
1,600.10	Cornwd Mo	2331¼	+78¼	2.2	17.1
29.20	Cropper James	379	..	1.6	14.7
1,341.50	De La Rue	1006	-3	2.6	18.3
5.55	Delyn Group	65	-7	3.2	11.8
23.50	Dolphin Pack	101	..	5.6	13.0
39.70	Fairway Group	88	-2	4.9	16.4
124.26	Ferguson Intl	306	-1	5.2	12.3
15.43	Ferry Pick	115	..	6.2	..
1.01	Humerpoint	1½	..	..	..
84.70	Inveresk	161	-2	3.9	9.7
137.60	Jarvis Porter	295	+9	2.3	19.2
376.90	Low & Bonar	383	-16	3.4	15.3
70.30	MY Holdings	52	..	3.8	12.4
152.60	Mackstone	239	..	2.1	19.2
85.20	Physu	179	+7	4.9	29.2
694.90	Portals	1069	+4	1.9	29.0
334.60	St Ives Gp	337	-1	2.4	18.3
1,649.00	Saatar	1097½	+53¾	0.5	..
5.94	Senl	8	-½	..	..
108.40	SiDunt	158	-43	8.7	..
789.90	Smith David	507	+6	3.0	15.4
2,137.00	Smurfit (Jeff)	397	-6	1.4	56.6
1.98	Somic	99	..	3.5	10.6
3.42	Unit Group	32	-1	..	..
178.80	Wace	228	-5	2.2	14.5
213.40	Waddington (J)	206	-10	5.2	10.1
244.30	Watmough	363	-9	2.3	23.0
30.80	Wyndeham	137	..	2.6	17.5

PROPERTY

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
61.20	Allied Lon	88	-1	5.5	11.3
141.10	Argent	257	..	..	..
9.69	Ameson Ests	72	..	..	..
82.60	Asda	105	-3	2.7	15.6
210.10	Billton	239	-2	5.1	17.4
103.20	Bixby	212	-1	4.0	18.4
2.78	Bolton Gp	10	-3	..	30.5
38.40	Bourne End	63	-3	1.5	..
271.90	Bradford	183	+5	4.6	15.4
8.12	Brightstone	116	..	4.0	26.3
1,153.20	Br Land†	376	-2	2.8	35.7
421.70	Brixton	181	-2	5.6	16.1
255.70	Burford	86	+1	2.3	27.9
98.10	CLS Hldgs	100	..	6.1	..
81.40	Cap & Regnl	135	..	1.5	30.6
720.70	Cap Shop Ctrs	198	+6	4.1	47.7
6.68	Cardiff Prop	223	-5	1.5	..
70.20	Cathay Intl	25	+½	..	..
243.20	Chelsfield	155	+1	1.8	52.6
87.20	Chesterfield	445	+4	3.5	20.0
43.80	Chesterton Int	79	..	5.2	11.1
7.70	City Site Ests	50	-1	..	10.0
9.92	Clarke Nickolls	6	..	2.1	12.5
4.16	Compco†	59	..	10.9	4.0
29.90	Conrad Rtal GS	25	-1	2.5	21.9
192.80	Daejan†	1183	..	3.1	12.2
7.81	Dares Estates▲	4½	-½	..	..
2.60	De Morgan	#5½	..	..	..
31.50	Debenham Twert	75	-1	5.8	11.9
29.40	Dencora	158	..	2.6	44.4
72.20	Derwent Hldgs	232	-2	3.5	20.7
48.60	Development Sec	184	-1½	0.7	..
23.10	Dwyer†	45	..	2.1	21.3
9.50	Ellen	32	..	..	..
20.40	Estates Agency†	339	-1	4.7	..
4.60	Estates Gen	21½	..	..	..
140.60	Evans Of Leeds	105	..	3.1	17.7
25.00	Ex-Lands	22½	..	2.3	78.5
28.90	Fiscal Prop	66	..	1.2	..
23.40	Five Oaks	24	..	10.1	..
2.70	Fletcher Kingt	31	..	6.0	15.4
5.02	Fokes Group	44	..	4.3	..
9.86	Fokes Group av	41	..	4.6	23.3
209.50	Frogmore	414	+2	5.1	15.0
58.10	Grainger†	242	-3	2.7	43.2
572.80	Gt Portland	177	+2	5.8	30.3
173.90	Greycoat	135	+5½	0.8	..
120.20	Hambro Cntyw	36½	+½	0.9	37.1
903.10	Hammerson	319	-4	3.9	32.0
50.00	Helical Bar	307	-2	2.5	11.0
34.60	Hemingway	28	..	1.8	48.1
3.19	Henlog Bakrs	19	-2	6.6	..
1.55	High-Point	31	-2	2.0	..
3,215.20	HK Land	119½	+4½	5.4	..
16.00	Jermyn	160	..	..	..
2,937.60	Land Sec	576	+23	5.3	16.5
50.40	London Intl	325	..	3.8	25.1
27.20	Lon & Assoc	37	..	2.2	25.0
3.64	Lon & Metro	8	..	..	0.3
217.20	Lon Merch Sect	89	-3	5.9	14.8
1,530.30	MEPC	376	+3	6.6	22.0
3.31	McInerney A	5½	..	..	..
33.80	McKay Secst	141	+1	4.6	13.5
10.40	Marcourt Mre	61	..	4.1	9.8
20.20	Moorfield Est	30	-1	4.2	..
47.00	Mountview	1025	-50	2.7	7.9
139.60	Mucklow (A&J)	143	..	5.5	19.0
9.94	ORB	4	..	..	1.0
14.50	Olives Prop	28	..	..	10.5
166.90	PSIT†	137	..	4.4	18.3
191.00	Peel	239	..	2.6	32.1
167.50	Pillar Prop	148	+2	3.1	..
2.03	Power Corp	1½	..	..	..
14.40	Premier Land	6	..	..	21.0
10.80	RPS Group	71	..	4.6	12.8
54.50	Raglan	33	..	..	8.0
29.90	Regalian	29½	-½	..	6.3
16.20	Rowlinson Secs	130	+5	1.8	9.3
18.10	Rugby Est	180	..	2.8	..
50.40	St Modwen Prp	43	-1	3.5	10.7
62.60	Savile Grdn (J)	62	..	5.7	14.5
17.10	Smilict	47	-1	6.0	7.6
97.90	Scot Met	75	+2	3.3	8.1
42.30	Shaftesbury	87	+1	1.4	19.0
897.70	Slough Estates	230	+1	4.4	49.2
52.70	Southend Prop	49	+7	6.2	..
23.90	Speciy Shops	108	..	2.8	..
13.30	Stanhope Prps	#8	..	..	..
60.40	TBI	38½	..	..	1.7
77.30	Tops Estst	167	+1	1.7	42.5
123.60	Town Centre	98	+1	4.0	17.8
58.40	Trafford Park	86	-1	4.6	14.6
16.00	Trencherwood	21	+2	..	..
3.84	Uk Land	40	..	..	..
100.10	Warner	206	-4	7.1	..
86.40	Warnford	225	..	4.4	18.4
129.00	Wates	65	-1	..	..
1.78	Wharney Mck	27	..	..	..
4.02	Wood John D	49	+3	5.2	10.4
2.38	YRM	18	..	..	..

RETAILERS, FOOD

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,949.60	ASDA Group†	67½	-2	3.4	15.4
3,124.60	Argyll†	277	-4	5.3	11.8
235.60	Balle Bros	451	+1	1.9	16.6
39.00	Budgen	34	-½	5.3	14.4
3.56	Cullens	13½	..	..	..
1,320.00	Dairy Farm Int	76¼	-½	4.8	10.5
78.60	Fairpak	348	-7	2.5	17.9
108.50	Fitzwilton	43	..	10.5	..
391.90	Fyffes	100	..	1.9	..
128.50	Geest	179	-14	5.7	..
120.00	Greggs	1053	-12	2.3	19.8
426.40	Iceland Group	155	+2	3.2	9.6
870.00	Kwik Save	562	-5	4.3	10.1
8.35	Macrlent Retail	11	-½	..	..
1,015.00	Morrison (W)	142	-2	0.9	16.6
185.40	Nurdin Peack	148	+7	5.6	8.2
132.60	Park Foods	115	..	2.8	10.2
2.10	Regina Hlth	1½	..	..	..
7,775.20	Sainsbury J	431	-2	3.1	15.2
5,194.10	Tesco	253	-2	4.0	12.7
94.50	Thorntons	147	-4	4.2	12.0
154.80	Watson& Philipt	365	-5½	5.2	13.7

RETAILERS, GENERAL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
15.80	Alexon	27½	-½	..	..
217.50	Allders†	211	..	4.0	11.9
1,038.00	Argos Plc	346	+4	3.0	18.2
178.50	Ashley (Laura)	76	..	0.2	..
107.30	Asprey	134	..	5.6	11.0
67.40	Austin Reed	218	..	3.2	10.9
62.70	Beattie (J) 'A'	134	-1	5.8	17.5
49.00	Bencalls	117	-2	2.1	40.5
45.40	Bettermans	44	..	8.6	4.7
10.20	Blacks Leisr	32	..	8.8	..
337.30	Body Shop	178	+1	1.5	15.7
4,460.40	Boots†	471	..	4.1	15.0
11.40	Brown & Jackson	1½	..	..	..
324.10	Brown (N)	222	-2	2.4	19.8
995.80	Burton†	70¼	+½	3.5	34.9
20.20	Camon	134	..	3.8	19.0
196.60	Carpetright	256	+10	4.0	18.2
258.70	Christies Int	180	-6	1.6	28.3
51.80	Church	480	..	3.4	24.4
14.40	Clinton Cards	85	-5	6.9	12.4
18.10	City Casuals	95	+2	5.7	27.2
193.60	Courts Furnsh	790	-5	1.0	40.1
3.12	Crown Eye	196	..	6.4	8.1
261.80	DFS Furnture	251	..	3.6	18.9
831.20	Dixons Grpt	209	+7	4.0	22.2
6.96	Etys (Wimbldn)	580	..	3.8	27.2
11.20	ERA Gp	9	..	..	..
14.40	Essex Furn	126	-8	4.3	15.7
120.00	Etam	183	-18	5.3	10.1
207.00	Fine Art Dev	335	-9	5.4	10.4
3.59	Fired Earth	63	..	..	..
15.60	Flying Flowers	86	+2	1.6	16.6
43.50	French Conn	272	..	..	11.5
147.80	Fred Gaup	210	+1	3.2	21.2
12.80	Gieves	56	..	3.3	20.0
28.50	Goldsmiths Gp	123	..	1.9	23.0
5,311.70	GUS†	538	+13	3.2	15.0
43.53	Hamleys	191	..	3.1	18.4
4.65	Hampden Gp	31	..	4.0	..
30.70	Hse of Fraser	161	-1	3.9	14.5
16.50	Hughes (H)	80	-2	4.0	13.1
75.30	JJB Sports	351	-3	3.0	16.3
2,824.70	Kingfisher	429½	+15½	4.4	11.1
15.20	Koenect	109	..	1.7	..
60.60	Loerry	270	..	2.2	..
347.50	Lloyds Chem	386	-5	4.2	9.3
742.20	MFI†	127½	-1	4.1	16.0
10,765.50	Marks Spencer	386	+8	3.1	17.2
284.10	Menzies John	511	-1	3.0	13.0
59.50	Moss Bros	350	-1	3.0	13.8
945.60	Next	258	+4	3.3	15.9
1.89	QEM	31	..	..	..
23.80	Oasis (G)	94	..	..	29.1
20.10	Partridge Fine	91	..	4.6	..
31.10	Pentos	9½	-2½	..	..
54.50	QS Hldgs	138	..	4.7	15.1
11.80	Rhino Grp	14	..	4.5	13.3
24.10	Rosebys	120	-7	4.9	14.0
1,549.30	Sears	102	+2½	4.6	17.3
57.90	Signet Group	19½	+½	..	6.8
1,198.85	Smith WH	430	..	4.6	21.8
242.60	Sothebys	715	+7	3.9	30.9
944.50	Storehouse†	227	+6	3.1	18.6
55.00	Stylo	189	..	1.5	12.8
103.00	T & S Stores	159	-1	4.9	11.3
52.80	Tie Rack	102	-9	2.1	12.1
5.82	Upton & South	3½	..	..	..
332.20	Vendome	461	..	2.1	35.5
45.10	WEW Group	31	-1	2.8	26.2
2.26	Wts of Leather	60	-4	1.6	..
59.40	Wyevale	155	-1	3.7	16.4

SPIRITS, WINES & CIDERS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5,365.33	Allied Domecq†	521	+6	5.4	14.1
233.70	Bulmer (HP)†	396	+3	3.5	21.4
70.60	Burn Stewart	119	-1	5.3	35.2
7,780.80	Grand Met	373	+5	4.7	16.9
8,627.80	Guinness	428	+7	3.8	14.1
509.20	Highland Dist	383	-26	2.4	17.5
243.50	Macallan-Glen	309	-5	0.7	54.8
94.50	Moorin Mtm 'A'	690	..	1.8	29.7
249.70	Matthew Clark	544	+3	4.3	25.0
9.05	Merydown W	83	+12	3.8	..
160.80	Taunton Cider†	147	+1	5.7	11.4

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
141.00	ACI Group	76	-16	9.6	8.0
572.60	ADT	628	-2	..	..
16.10	Alphameric	40	..	..	30.5
84.36	Auto Sec	71	+1	..	9.2
572.40	BET Ord	104	+1½	4.1	14.9
35.10	BNB Res	164	-4	3.9	19.1
59.20	DPP	225	-10	4.9	16.1
45.80	BSU	164	+15	4.9	13.0
15.50	Buck & Eng	3	+½	..	..
159.90	Berkoe	562½	+37½	..	..
46.10	Bnt Data Mgt	189	+3	3.6	13.3
7.44	Brooke Service	62	+3	3.5	..
52.50	CRT Gp	78	-1	5.4	18.9
83.80	Capita Group	153	+3	3.3	19.5
861.50	Chubb Secs	308	+2	2.7	17.9
56.60	Comph People	232	..	1.3	52.8
37.90	Corp Services	68	+7	0.5	25.6
17.60	Coutts Cnstg	53	..	0.9	..
233.50	Davis Service	228	-4	4.5	15.3
2.76	Dudley Jenkins	73	-1	5.8	13.6
14.60	EW Fact	80	..	7.7	6.0
36.70	El Data Pkt	140	..	1.8	13.6
1,185.80	Hays	387	-2	2.7	19.6
123.70	Hogg Robnsn	178	-6	5.1	11.4
11.90	Holmes Protectn	27	..	..	1.6
7.43	Int Cm & Data	11½	..	..	5.8
469.10	ISS B DKr	1806¼	+134¾	5.9	1.9
54.50	JBA Hldgs	165	+4	1.8	16.8
114.10	Johnson Clean	231	+1	5.8	9.4
30.30	Kalamazoo	108	..	4.0	12.3
31.50	Kewill Syst	280	+6	3.6	9.6
3.06	Laser-Scan	19	..	..	..
16.80	LBMS	77	-1	..	..
43.80	Lep	4½	..	..	..
186.00	Logica	301	-13	2.1	21.2
72.00	MDIS	72	+4	10.9	5.0
22.40	MMT Comp	198	..	3.3	15.7
66.40	MR Data Mngt	119	-4	5.8	..
90.70	Macro 4	418	-5	6.0	11.7
1,242.20	Manpower	1668¼	-25	0.2	..
118.10	Micro Focus	820	-20	..	9.9
46.10	Microgen	117	-1	8.1	..
197.90	Misys	415	-4	2.8	12.9
50.70	MITIE Grp	202	-1½	1.6	20.5
14.10	Nova Group†	36	-1	1.0	10.0
7.20	OIS Int	24	..	9.9	4.5
8.05	Orbis	22	..	3.6	..
64.90	P & P	83	+3	4.0	..
68.50	Michael Page	116	..	2.5	28.5
48.20	Parity	115	-3	2.4	35.5
9.77	Pagasus	156	..	4.0	15.6
5.22	Pentra	95	-10	5.3	..
53.10	Proudfoot	67	-2	6.5	11.5
30.00	RCO	280	-3	7.4	9.8
9.73	Radius	35	..	1.2	..
12.20	Real Time	175	-3	2.9	13.3
73.20	Reed Executive	143	..	0.9	..
31.90	Reliance Secst	142	-1	4.4	21.6
2,151.60	Rentokil	220	-3½	1.2	32.7
60.10	Ricardo Group	136	..	6.5	16.5
22.40	Rolls & Nolan	184	-1	2.7	39.3
146.10	Sage Gpt	689	+23	2.0	15.0
783.50	Salvesen (C)†	270	-1	3.8	14.0
33.60	Sanderson Elect	85	..	4.2	12.3
73.70	Select App	13	-½	..	..
371.50	Serco Gp	399	..	1.1	24.1
165.20	Serco Gp	279	-1	1.6	35.4
66.70	Servicair	186	-2	2.9	28.9
5.58	Shared Corp	90	+2	..	..
58.30	Stelchley	91	-1	4.4	15.3
35.90	Sxl-Pnic	167	-4	6.8	15.8
25.60	Uniparm	125	-1	..	..
17.90	Visitec	14½	+1	3.4	7.9
10.30	WSP Hldgs	44	..	5.4	25.8
64.30	Warner Howrd	270	-4	3.6	12.4

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
25,083.80	BT†	402½	-1½	5.3	14.3
8,825.50	Cable Wireless†	393¾	+14½	2.7	16.1
81.90	Fitrone Com	195	+26	0.5	40.3
61.50	Securicor	1483	-35	0.3	33.8
738.70	Securicor 'A'	912	-28	0.5	20.8
813.30	Security Serv	742	-21	1.1	20.6
5,708.40	Vodafone†	187½	-3	2.0	24.3

TEXTILES & APPAREL

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
3.00	Albion	79	+1	5.2	4.1
40.60	Alexdra W	120	+4	6.0	12.8
168.60	Allied Text	483	-8	3.6	..
2.46	Atkins	75	-8	13.5	23.8
1.94	Automagic	34	..	..	8.6
256.40	Baird (Wm)	221	-3	5.0	18.9
5.52	Beckman (A)	46	+3	9.7	22.5
129.70	Black (Peter)	335	-5	2.5	13.6
11.90	Bridport-Gndry	119	..	3.2	16.3
24.50	Br Mohair	184	-1	5.8	18.9
2.60	Campari	#25	..	..	..
4.18	Cassidy Bros	76	-2	4.5	9.7
76.70	Chamb Phipps	172	-1	5.3	22.6
164.20	Claremont Gs	304	..	3.1	16.9
1,261.20	Coats Viyella	181	+5	5.7	15.7
436.70	Courtaulds Text	429	-12	4.2	19.3
238.40	Dawson	132	-½	3.1	..
169.40	Dewhirst (IJ)	133	+1	1.6	16.8
5.04	Dinkie Heel	41	..	4.3	12.0
5.31	Drummond	30	..	..	13.5
2.67	Ebiet	21	-3	..	..
7.49	Foxpell†	64	-2	9.6	10.4
16.30	Forminster†	147	..	2.8	..
2.24	Foster (John)	20	-1	..	..
10.70	French (Thmas)†	91	..	5.0	..
31.90	Gent SR	88	..	3.2	19.6
21.70	Haggas	99	+6	3.8	14.6
48.50	Hartstone	15	..	2.7	..
45.50	Helene Plc	23	-½	10.9	9.5
55.20	Hicking Pntcst	237	-1	2.6	16.8
32.80	Hollast	24½	..	3.1	..
5.35	Honeysuckle	64½	..	5.8	8.1
25.90	Horace Small	83	-1	1.5	..
19.80	Jacques Vert	208	..	3.2	8.5
4.36	Jerome (S)	58	..	1.7	7.4
57.80	Jones Stroud	334	-4	3.4	16.1
17.10	Lambert	136	-2	6.3	12.9
100.20	Lamont	333	..	4.7	11.1
72.90	Leeds	253	..	3.1	13.1
23.60	Lasile Wise Gp	68	+3	7.4	14.3
6.05	Lyles (S)	84	+1	5.2	8.8
46.10	Marling†	36	..	3.2	..
1.92	PEX	10	..	..	..
13.80	Parkland	155	..	4.0	9.2
382.90	Pentland	106	+1½	3.4	21.0
15.20	Pittards	70	..	3.1	..
126.60	Readicut	65	..	6.6	10.9
10.20	Renmon	65	-1	5.4	6.9
11.20	Richards†	48	..	5.2	..
2.24	SEET	56	+2	..	..
89.70	Sherwood Gp	80	..	4.8	9.3
8.12	Shiloh	140	-1	3.1	8.5
54.40	Sirdar	101	-2	6.7	14.6
46.30	Stirling Gp	53	-½	4.6	14.7
39.00	Strong & Fisher	17	..	7.4	11.6
13.90	Uk Safety	36	-3	9.0	8.8
8.07	Usher (Frank)	117	+3	7.5	8.9
35.80	Vnel	65	..	2.4	16.9
9.90	Weesum	132	+18	2.7	19.2
25.50	Yorklyde	255	+4	3.0	11.7

TRANSPORT

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
5.79	Air London	66	..	6.7	12.4
9,712.10	All Nippon Air	673¼	+7½	0.3	..
1,039.00	Assoc Br Ports	275	-3	2.2	21.9
4,638.70	BAA	453	-12	2.6	17.3
169.80	Badgerline	134	+3	3.8	..
3,528.70	Br Airways	369½	-3½	3.9	10.0
32.10	Central Tran R	39	-1	..	..
21.50	Clarkson (H)	96	..	5.3	24.1
24.00	Dart	155	-1	3.1	14.9
1,375.40	Eurotunnel Uts	287	-7	..	..
12.10	Fisher (James)	50	..	..	..
136.80	Forth Ports	456	..	2.1	21.3
94.00	GRT Bust	246	+1	1.9	19.0
56.10	Go-Ahead	168	..	3.0	20.9
114.10	Goode Durrant	212	-1	3.7	16.6
38.10	IoM Steam	127	-6	4.3	9.7
44.40	Jacobs (JI)	65	+1	3.2	..
54.80	Lon O'Seas Frts	75	..	6.4	1.7
321.80	Mersey Docks	360	..	3.3	17.4
1,116.10	NFC†	161	-4	5.5	16.5
124.80	Natl Express	312	-1	3.1	18.0
444.10	Ocean Group	288	..	6.2	14.5
27.80	Ocean Wilson	70	..	5.7	10.1
3,461.20	P & O Dfd	574	+8	6.6	17.8
115.30	P & O 5.5%	173	..	4.0	..
22.80	Seacon	92	..	3.3	..
343.40	Stagecoach	230	+6	2.3	22.8
531.90	TNT	83	-5	..	..
289.50	Tibbet & Britn	665	-28	2.8	16.8
293.20	TDG	198½	-½	6.0	13.3
27.80	Ugland†	115	+1	2.6	..
32.30	Utd Carriers	95	..	2.1	..

WATER

Mkt cap (£million)	Company	Price (p)	Wkly +/-	Yld %	P/E
1,374.80	Anglian†	464	-11	6.3	10.5
56.40	Mid Kent Hdgs	330	+2	4.5	11.1
1,830.00	North West†	488	-7	6.1	7.0
470.60	Northumbrian†	688	+3	4.7	7.4
1,765.30	Severn Trent†	489	-5	6.0	8.1
109.30	South Stafs	1885	..	3.6	11.4
588.40	South West†	467	-10	7.0	6.9
876.50	Southern†	518	-18	5.8	7.5
1,842.10	Thames†	464	+1	6.3	7.0
856.70	Welsh†	588	+1	5.6	6.5
681.30	Wessex†	268	-7	5.7	7.0
949.80	Yorkshire†	473	-13	6.2	7.0

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BRITISH FUNDS

Stock Outstanding (£m)	Stock	Price £	Wkly +/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
SHORTS (under 5 years)					
214	Cas 7% 1990-95	99⅞	+⅛	3.02	6.31
2,500	Exch 10¼% 1995	101⅝	-⅛	10.09	6.82
840	Treas 12¾% 1995	104⅛	-⅛	12.22	6.89
770	Treas 14% 1996	106⅝	-⅛	13.17	7.13
1,150	Treas 15¼% 1996	109⅛	-⅛	13.97	7.42
800	Exch 13¼% 1996	106⅞	-⅛	12.41	7.57
3,409	Conv 10% 1996	103½	+⅛	9.66	7.84
1,909	Treas 7% 1997	97⅝ †	+⅛	7.17	8.10
1,290	Treas 13¼% 1997	109⅜	+⅛	12.10	7.94
3,700	Exch 10½% 1997	104⅜ †	+⅛	10.04	8.01
5,550	Treas 8¾% 1997	101⅛ †	+⅛	8.65	8.22
830	Exch 15% 1997	115⅝	+⅛	12.94	8.31
3,550	Exch 9¾% 1998	103⅜	+⅛	9.43	8.41
8,150	Treas 7¼% 1998	96⅞	+⅛	7.49	8.43
1,200	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	95⅛	+⅛	7.09	8.46
970	Treas 14% 1998-01	115⅜	+⅛	12.14	8.57
935	Treas 15½% 1998	121⅛	+⅛	12.76	8.49
3,909	Exch 12% 1998	110⅝	+⅛	10.83	8.57
1,900	Treas 9½% 1999	103⅛	+⅛	9.21	8.54
3,050	Exch 12¼% 1999	112⅛	+⅛	10.90	8.62
1,252	Treas 10½% 1999	106⅝	+⅛	9.84	8.60
5,900	Treas 6% 1999	90⅝ †	+⅛	6.62	8.54
1,798	Conv 10¼% 1999	106⅛	-⅛	9.65	8.64
MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)					
5,358	Conv 9% 2000	101⅝ †	+⅛	8.85	8.58
2,500	Treas 8% 2000	97⅛	+⅛	8.20	8.53
3,171	Treas 13% 2000	118⅝	+⅛	10.93	8.70
4,406	Treas 10% 2001	105⅞ †	+⅛	9.45	8.73
4,350	Treas 7% 2001	91⅝	+⅛	7.63	8.63
6,527	Treas 9¾% 2002	105⅛ †	..	9.25	8.75
7,950	Treas 8% 2003	96⅛	+⅛	8.33	8.66
2,502	Treas 10% 2003	107⅜ †	+⅛	9.31	8.74
1,220	Treas 11½% 2001-04	112⅛	+⅛	10.24	8.86
543	Fund 3½% 1999-04	74⅛	+⅛	4.71	7.34
3,412	Conv 9½% 2004	105⅛	+⅛	9.04	8.70
6,500	Treas 6¾% 2004	87⅛	+⅛	7.69	8.60
4,400	Treas 8½% 2005	99⅝	-⅛	8.55	8.56
4,842	Conv 9½% 2005	105⅜	-⅛	9.01	8.67
2,208	Treas 12½% 2003-05	121⅛	+⅛	10.30	8.93
3,900	Treas 7¾% 2006	93⅝ †	..	8.26	8.58
2,000	Treas 8% 2002-06	95⅝	+⅛	8.39	8.63
3,150	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	115⅜	+⅛	10.18	8.95
7,197	Treas 8½% 2007	99⅛	+⅛	8.55	8.57
1,250	Treas 13½% 2004-08	127⅜	+⅛	10.55	8.95
5,321	Treas 9% 2008	103⅜	+⅛	8.70	8.55
3,190	Treas 8% 2009	95⅜	+⅛	8.39	8.55
LONGS (over 15 years)					
4,750	Treas 6¼% 2010	81	+⅛	7.72	8.44
5,273	Conv 9% 2011	104⅛	+⅛	8.66	8.53
5,351	Treas 9% 2012	104⅛ †	+⅛	8.63	8.51
1,000	Treas 5½% 2008-12	74⅝ †	+⅛	7.39	8.27
5,800	Treas 8% 2013	95⅛	+⅛	8.37	8.47
800	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	93	+⅛	8.33	8.48
7,550	Treas 8¾% 2017	103⅛ †	-⅛	8.49	8.44
1,000	Exch 12% 2013-17	130⅞	+⅛	9.19	8.67
UNDATED					
1,909	War Ln 3½%	41⅝	..	8.44	..
475	Treas 2½%	29⅛	+⅛	8.57	..
INDEX-LINKED					
1,200	Treas IL 2% 1996	203⅞	+⅛	2.30	3.66
800	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	107⅞	+⅛	2.88	3.74
1,500	Treas IL 2½% 2001	166⅞	+⅛	3.47	3.90
1,300	Treas IL 2½% 2003	162⅛	+⅛	3.56	3.89
1,000	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	109	+⅛	3.56	3.88
1,650	Treas IL 2% 2006	169⅞	+⅛	3.63	3.88
1,750	Treas IL 2½% 2009	153⅞	+⅛	3.67	3.89
2,100	Treas IL 2½% 2011	158⅞ †	+⅛	3.70	3.90
2,300	Treas IL 2½% 2013	130⅞ †	+⅛	3.72	3.89
2,700	Treas IL 2½% 2016	138⅛	+⅛	3.74	3.90
2,750	Treas IL 2½% 2020	132⅞	+⅛	3.77	3.91
2,350	Treas IL 2½% 2024	110⅛	..	3.78	3.89
1,300	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	109⅞	+⅛	3.78	3.92

RESULTS AND STATISTICS

TODAY

Interims: British Airways (Q3), US Smaller Companies. **Finals:** Cheltenham & Gloucester, French Property Trust, Loades, Trencherwood, Waste Management International. **Economic statistics:** Housing starts and completions (December).

TOMORROW

Interims: Angerstein Underwriting, Bryant Group, BSkyB, Fleming Emerging Markets, Fleming Enterprise Investment Trust, Hong Kong Investment Trust, News International, Thorn EMI (Q3). **Finals:** Brewin Dolphin Holdings, Hotspur Investments, Harry Ramsden's, Shani Group. **Economic statistics:** Index of production (December), advance energy statistics (December).

WEDNESDAY

Interims: Amstrad, Compel Group, Elbief. **Finals:** Lloyds Abbey Life, Scottish American Investment Company. **Economic statistics:** Cyclical indicators for the UK economy (January — first estimate), index of production for Scotland (Q3 1994), Bank of England *Quarterly Bulletin* (Q4, February issue), Bank of England *Inflation Report* (Q4), CBI/BSL quarterly regional trends survey (January).

THURSDAY

Interims: BOC Group (Q1), British Telecom (Q3), Calluna, Helton Holdings, Impala Platinum Holdings. **Finals:** Crest Nicholson, Friends Provident Ethical. **Economic statistics:** Employment, unemployment, earnings, prices and other indicators, balance of visible trade (November).

FRIDAY

Interims: None scheduled. **Finals:** Amicable Smaller Enterprises, Greenfriar Investment Company, Johnson Fry Second Utilities Trust, Lloyds Bank, Murray European Investment Trust. **Economic statistics:** Useable steel production (January), analysis of bank lending to UK residents (Q4).

SUNDAY TIPS

The Sunday Times: **Buy** Dalgety, British Land; **Hold** BA. *The Sunday Telegraph*: **Buy** Govett, Century Inns. *The Independent on Sunday*: **Buy** Peek, Copymore, Adscene. *The Observer*: **Buy** Royal Insurance, P&P, GUS; **Hold** BOC, BT. *The Mail on Sunday*: **Buy** Bridon, FII, Lamont.

COMPANIES — PHILIP PANGALOS



Start of the big name season

AFTER a week, or two, in the doldrums, the reporting season moves into top gear this week, with a welter of leading companies unveiling results, including Friday's full-year figures from Lloyds Bank.

Today, Andrew Longhurst, chief executive of Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, which is the target of a £1.8 billion takeover bid by Lloyds, will announce its annual results.

UBS, the stockbroker, is forecasting an increase in pre-tax profits to £250 million, against £202 million last time. Bad debt provisions are expected to fall from £76 million to £50 million.

BRITISH AIRWAYS: A strong set of traffic figures has already been reported, so when BA, which is headed by Sir Colin Marshall, reports later today attention will focus on yields and unit costs

Mike Powell at NatWest Securities is looking for third-quarter pre-tax profits to advance to £90 million (£65 million), giving earnings of 6.6p (5.2p) a share.

Traffic was up by 7 per cent in the third quarter, while capacity rose by 3.6 per cent. Load factors have been higher than expected, boosting operating margins.

However, the improvement in the passenger mix is slowing and NatWest forecasts a modest 0.5 per cent rise in overall yields, following a 1.1 per cent increase in the first half. Non-traffic revenues are expected to grow by 12 per cent.

A combination of higher staff, engineering and selling costs are likely to see third-quarter unit costs rise by 1 per cent, though a bigger increase in operating revenues should see operating profits advance by 25 per cent to £121 million.

News is also awaited on USAir, though there may be some disappointment on TAT and Deutsche BA, which may not be doing as well as previously thought.

THORN EMI: Strong music sales in the run-up to Christmas on both sides of the Atlantic should help tomorrow's third-quarter pre-tax profits from the rentals-to-music group advance to £185 million (£156 million), according to UBS.



Cheltenham & Gloucester's star Andrew Longhurst, whose plan to recompense thousands of widows with a bonus payout collapsed in the Commons on Friday

UBS points out that quarterly results tend to be volatile and the figures will compare with a particularly good third-quarter previously.

However, EMI has had a strong release schedule, including the rediscovered Beatles album. In addition, consolidation of TOEMI, the Japanese music operation, will flatter pre-tax growth, with EMI having increased its interest from 50 per cent to 55 per cent.

LLOYDS ABBEY LIFE: The focus of attention switches this week to the group's trading performance after last week's denial that Lloyds Bank is poised to snap up the remaining 38 per cent of the shares that it does not already own.

Wednesday's final pre-tax profits from the insurance and financial services group are expected to climb by 8 per cent to £348 million, according to UBS. An improved dividend of 19.25p (18p) is predicted. UBS says that loss elimination from Germany is likely to be the only bright spot in life sales after a 21 per cent decline in sales. Improving bad-debt provisions and a strong result from insurance banking should also boost non-life profits.

BOC: Strong demand for gases and improved pricing should help BOC, the industrial gases and healthcare group, to a good advance in first-quarter profits when it reports on Thursday.

UBS is looking for first-quarter pre-tax profits to climb to £93 million (£76.1 million). UBS forecasts a 17 per cent rise in gas profits, while healthcare profits are expected to be held back by continuing problems of generic competition to Forane, the anaesthetic gas.

BRITISH TELECOM: Heavy price reductions and higher redundancy charges will take a toll on third-quarter profits at the telecommunications giant headed by Sir Iain Vallance. BT's chairman, whose passing comment on pay and responsibilities in the medical profession to the all-party Employment Select Committee last week infuriated junior hospital doctors.

Mark Lambert at NatWest Securities forecasts a 7 per cent drop in third-quarter pre-tax profits, due on Thursday, to £648 million (£698 million), giving £2.14 billion (£2.2 billion) for the nine-month period. NatWest expects turnover growth of only 0.6 per cent to £3.45 billion after heavy and continued price reductions during 1994. Volume trends, however, remain encouraging.

Minimal sales growth and higher marketing costs are expected to leave pre-redundancy operating profits 5 per cent lower at about £860 million. Redundancy costs are predicted to hit £175 million as the rate of staff reduction accelerates.

This quarter will see the first contribution from BT's purchase of 20 per cent of MCI, with the associate's contribution forecast to rise to £38 million (£1 million).

LLOYDS BANK: Lloyds, which will have to wait until the end of March to find out if a special general meeting approves its attempted £1.8 billion takeover of the Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society, kicks off the leading clearing banks' reporting season on Friday.

UBS forecasts a 22 per cent advance in final pre-tax profits to £1.25 billion (£1.03 billion), while an improved dividend of 25.5p (22.1p) is predicted. UBS has trimmed its forecast to take account of possible Latin American problems, though these may be overstated. The underlying perfomance should be good, possibly the best in the sector.

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

All eyes on Bank report

Wednesday's *Inflation Report* from the Bank of England is the centrepiece of this week for economy watchers but is likely to be something of a damp squib after last week's rise in base rates.

The report, normally picked over by the markets for clues to the Bank's thinking on interest rates, will instead be read for its assessment of economic developments as a whole.

The Bank is likely to highlight recent signs of modest inflationary pressure, including rises in producer and retail prices, reports that pay settlements are beginning to edge up and stronger price intentions evidence in recent Confederation of British Industry surveys.

Before the Bank's report, focus will be on tomorrow's industrial production figures for December. These are of particular interest after November's surprising fall of 0.7 per cent in manufacturing output and a 1 per cent fall in industrial production as a whole, which includes the North Sea oil and gas industry. On top of this, manufacturing activity has been revised down in both September and October.

The weakness in official data towards the end of the year is particularly mystifying given the out-and-out strength suggested in CBI surveys for both output and orders expectations. This has led some economists to argue that November's fall in output was an aberration and tomorrow's figures are likely to give some credibility to this argument. Forecasts are for a rise of 0.5 per cent for manufacturing and around 0.6 per cent for overall production.

Also released this week are Thursday's trade figures for the whole world in November. The deficit is forecast to have been around £650 million after a shortfall of £644 million in October.

After months of steady improvement in Britain's trade performance, there was some consternation when non-European Union trade data for December revised up November's deficit from £361 million to £435 million and reported a deficit in December of £1.05 billion. This was twice as much as the market had been expecting.

Figures for housing starts and completions in December are due out today, while Wednesday sees publication of cyclical indicators for January.

There are some American statistics due this week — the most important being producer prices figures for January. The main news for the US came last week when the Federal Reserve announced the seventh rise in interest rates since the start of last year.

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Martin Waller on a new breed of lager tout

Something's brewing in Cuba's world of exports

The Cuba of the 1950s, in the dying days of the hedonistic Batista dictatorship, attracted some pretty rum investors. As Fidel Castro, Batista's rather more straitlaced successor, faces the near inevitable rundown of Communist rule, mysterious money is once again doing the rounds.

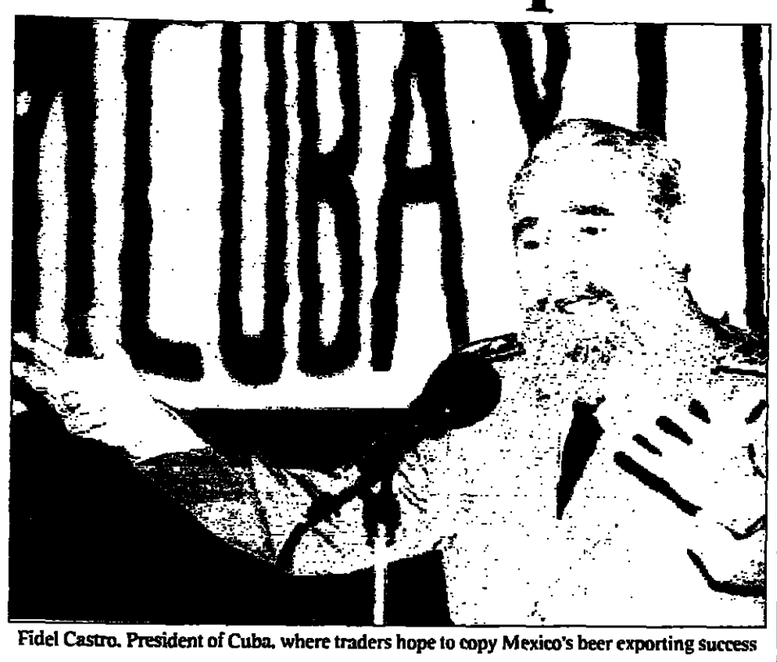
Cigars remain the island's best-known consumer export, but an outfit christened Corporacion Cerveza Clara (CCC) has hatched a plan to market the output from its 118-year-old brewing industry to the Western world.

CCC has reached a deal with state-owned Havana Rum and Liquors to promote its "light, refreshing lagers which suit the country's Caribbean climate", initially in Britain, Spain and Canada.

This would follow on from the runaway success of the presumably similar Mexican beers such as Sol and Corona in the UK and Hispanic markets.

But, on further examination, CCC's brew turns a little cloudy. News of the partnership coincides with last week's appearance of José Luis Rodriguez, Cuba's Minister of Finance, who visited SG Warburg to meet European investors.

Paisner & Co, the venture's legal adviser, was distinctly cagey as to whether Warburg was actually involved in the deal. Adam Rose, a solicitor at Paisner, said cryptically: "I don't want to lead you into thinking they are, or they aren't."



Fidel Castro, President of Cuba, where traders hope to copy Mexico's beer exporting success

Warburg proved more forthright. The meeting took place at the firm's City conference centre but "it's nothing to do with us", said a spokesman. "We're not involved — they have used our venue as a place to announce their plans to the world."

CCC has London offices but is registered in Panama. "They have UK people involved, but they don't want their identities let out at this stage," said Mr Rose. Are they looking for funds to invest? "I'm not sure they really are at this stage."

Some time in the indeterminate future a newly branded beer — Fidel has a nice ring to it, although Mr Rose comments "I've not heard it's been finalised" — will hit Britain's pubs and clubs. Selling to a rather larger and nearer market will prove more difficult, because the United States still imposes a ban on Cuban imports.

The CCC consortium — "I've no objection to you calling it that," concedes Mr Rose — is hoping the embargo will one day be lifted. Perhaps they know something the White House doesn't — whoever they are...

Rewe of Germany to quit Budgens

By Susan Gilchrist

REWE, one of Germany's largest food retailers, is planning to sell its 29 per cent stake in Budgens after the decision by the UK supermarket enterprise to abandon its discount format after less than two years.

The German combine has approached several of Britain's leading food retailers, including J Sainsbury, Tesco and Argyll, in an attempt to dispose of all, or part, of its stake, held since April 1993. One industry source remarked: "Rewe is certainly doing the rounds."

Doubts over the relationship between Rewe and Budgens were raised last week after the UK company disclosed it was abandoning its Penny Market discount chain because of competition and mounting losses.

Rewe, which helped to develop the format, promptly launched a scathing attack on Budgens, saying it was a "crassly mistaken decision". Budgens, stung by the criticism, retaliated by saying that Heinz-Otto Lühr, Rewe's representative on Budgens' board, had voted against the decision, but had not shown fierce opposition.

Rewe is clearly anxious to sever links, although City analysts believe that the German company may find it difficult to sell. Budgens reported last week a sharp fall in pre-tax profits to £881,000 from £3.05 million in the 28 weeks to November 13. Penny Market made losses of £1.4 million.

GILT-EDGED

Banking on the prejudices of fortysomethings

Experience is a valuable asset in the securities business, but only if it is unaccompanied by prejudice. There is no point in being exposed to new circumstances if there is a concurrent predisposition to learn nothing from them. That is to abuse experience. Unhappily, it is something that we are all prone to as we get older.

Our minds, malleable and absorbent when we are young, become ossified and impenetrable later on. We are capable of becoming progressively wiser as the years pass; but, in most of us, the process is gradually stalled by the cancerous growth of prejudices learned in early life.

Popular perspectives on inflation make the point rather well. Those who spent their impressionable youth in the second half of the Sixties and the Seventies — when inflation routinely exceeded expectations — seem generally not to be able to adjust their minds to the circumstances of the Eighties and Nineties. Despite 15 years during which inflation consistently undershot their expectations, they continue to predict an imminent return to the traumatic conditions of their youth. For them, clearly, experience has ceased to be of any value. Their minds are immune to the infection of evidence.

Younger people, unsurprisingly, are less bigoted in this respect. Their formative years were spent in a period when inflation was not a problem. They may well have read about the strange circumstances that existed in earlier decades, but they will tend to regard them as being of limited relevance today — much as the rules of chivalry will be deemed to have little to teach us about modern etiquette.

The oldest generations probably see things most dispassionately. They note that inflation, not having been a problem previously, suddenly became one for a brief spell and then, just as suddenly, disappeared again. From their perspective, rates of increase of prices which are significantly different from zero are an aberration: a statistical fluke that happened once and which may conceivably recur, but probably not for a very long time.

This accords quite closely with economic theory which suggests that, in order to get the general level of prices (as opposed to the cost of an individual item) on a consistently upward trend, it is necessary that two conditions be fulfilled. First, money policy has to be kept in a persistently expansive mode; secondly, competition has ruthlessly to be eliminated.

> Their minds are immune to the infection of evidence

Often, in earlier centuries, the authorities tried to meet these requirements — clipping the coinage on the one hand, and selling monopolies on the other — but to no great effect. Traders spurned the debased currency and smugglers made the monopolies unenforceable. It was not until this century that governments became sufficiently sophisticated to meet the conditions required to generate inflation properly. The Germans pioneered the process, arguably deliberately, in the Twenties; the rest of the world followed suit, probably accidentally, in the Sixties and Seventies.

The situation changed in the Eighties because each of the pre-conditions for inflation was undermined. Most importantly, competition exploded — domestically as a result of privatisations, and globally in consequence of trade liberalisation. At the same time, the toleration of monetary excesses lessened — possibly because of the rising influence inside governments and central banks of those whose prejudices had been shaped by the inflation of the earlier period. In the Nineties, both trends have been extended. All the major central banks (and most of the minor ones) are now in the hands of monetary hawks, while the acceptance of the need for competitive trading conditions is universal (even in Cuba and North Korea). The result will be many more years of low inflation.

That this is not yet recognised by the gilt market makes it all the more compelling. It is precisely because the most influential traders and investors are the "fortysomethings" who are most biased about inflation that it will remain subdued. Not until they become complacent again is there any danger of a serious acceleration.

In the meantime, gilts remain very attractive. We may not get much capital appreciation for a time, but, while we wait, we will be rewarded with generous real incomes. The longer the bull market is delayed, moreover, the greater it will eventually be. Bias can only hold valuations in check for a limited period. When the dam finally breaks, the ensuing torrent is proportional to the amount of water released.

Roger Nightingale
Global Strategist
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Problems for Ward in fight with Guinness

By Susan Gilchrist

THOMAS WARD, the American lawyer who advised Ernest Saunders, the former chairman and chief executive of Guinness, during the £2.7 billion takeover battle for Distillers in 1986, has encountered a series of setbacks in his $85 million lawsuit against the brewing and drinks combine.

Mr Ward filed a suit last year against Guinness and certain former directors and advisers which claimed damages for wrongful termination, loss of income, fraud, libel, slander and racketeering.

In December, Judge Harvey Schneider dismissed Mr Ward's case, launched in California, against the US defendants, including several of Guinness's US subsidiaries. Undeterred, Mr Ward is still pursuing a case against several UK defendants, including Guinness, Shaun Dowling, a former director, Lord Macfarlane of Bearsden, who succeeded Mr Saunders as chairman, and Sir Thomas Risk, former Governor of the Bank of Scotland.

Guinness has mounted a vigorous defence, with the company's lawyers claiming that a Californian court does not have the jurisdiction to handle cases against UK defendants. Mr Ward took legal action after he was cleared at the Old Bailey in 1993 of stealing £5.2 million from Guinness during the Distillers battle. He has repaid the company £1.3 million, but Guinness is still pursuing a civil action to recover the rest.

Meanwhile, the outstanding £3.9 million, taking interest into account, has swollen to £9 million.

CHANGE ON WEEK

THE POUND

US dollar
1.5647 (-0.0273)
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2.3862 (-0.0201)
Exchange index
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STOCK MARKET

FT 30 share
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FT-SE 100
3059.7 (+37.5)
New York Dow Jones
3928.64 (+70.65)
Tokyo Nikkei Avge
18538.97 (+434.62)

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.20	2.03
Austria Sch	17.87	16.37
Belgium Fr	52.36	48.06
Canada $	2.325	2.165
Cyprus Cyp£	0.781	0.726
Denmark Kr	10.07	9.27
Finland Mkk	8.00	7.35
France Fr	8.76	8.11
Germany Dm	2.55	2.34
Greece Dr	395.00	370.00
Hong Kong $	12.86	11.86
Ireland Pt	1.06	0.98
Italy Lira	2645.00	2490.00
Japan Yen	171.50	156.50
Malta	0.618	0.563
Netherlds Gld	2.839	2.609
Norway Kr	11.10	10.30
Portugal Esc	259.00	240.50
S Africa Rd	ref.	5.36
Spain Pta	215.50	201.50
Sweden Kr	12.39	11.59
Switzerland Fr	2.16	1.98
Turkey Lira	refer	62029.0
USA $	1.578	1.548

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Inflation expected to stay on target

By Janet Bush, Economics Correspondent

BRITAIN'S economy should grow by 3 per cent this year and next, while inflation is expected to remain well within its target range, according to the London Business School. The key to this scenario, however, lies in whether the authorities prove successful in slowing activity to a more sustainable rate.

In its latest economic outlook, written before last week's half-point rise in base rates to 6.75 per cent, the LBS predicted that interest rates would rise only to 7 per cent this year. They are expected to stay at this level for some time.

Growth is predicted to be 3 per cent this year and 2.9 per cent in 1996. Underlying inflation, targeted by the Government, is expected to be 2.7 per cent in the fourth quarter of this year and 3 per cent at the end of 1996, both below the 4 per cent upper limit of the Government's target range.

Much of the growth is expected to come from trade, partly through increased exports, but also through an improved performance at home against imports. The LBS said tight monetary policy and stronger world growth should ensure Britain can run a current account surplus for some years.

☐ The Finance and Leasing Association says the recovery has peaked and a further interest rise is not needed. Although December consumer credit rose 22 per cent year-on-year, to £1,547 million — further evidence of a strong Christmas — finance for new cars fell more than a quarter to £156 million, comparable with the falls in 1990 and 1991.

Voting begins for annual PLC Awards

By Martin Barrow, City News Editor

ASHTEAD Group, a past winner of the PLC Awards, is in the running for the top prize in the awards for 1994, it is due to be announced today.

Ashtead, the plant hire group, is one of four candidates shortlisted in the category of company of the year in the awards, which are held by Coopers & Lybrand in association with *The Times*. The other candidates are Taylor Nelson, the market research company; Sheriff Holdings, the plant hire group; and First Technology, the automotive safety specialist.

In the category of new company of the year, the shortlist comprises Applied Distribution, the warehousing and distribution services group; Trifast Group, the manufacturer and distributor of industrial fasteners; Domnick Hunter, the manufacturer of industrial filters; and Finelist, which distributes vehicle parts.

The entrepreneur of the year will be chosen from Chris Ingram, chairman and chief executive of CIA Group; David Lloyd, chairman of David Lloyd Leisure, and Tim Martin, chairman of JD Wetherspoon.

Shortlists were compiled by a ten-strong voting panel drawn from City firms. Voting coupons will be published in *The Times* this week and must be received by Graham Cole, the Coopers & Lybrand partner associated with the awards since their inception, by Friday February 17.

Nominations are sought for the inaugural PLC achievement award, in recognition of an outstanding contribution to the PLC market. Awards will also be presented for the fund of the year and best annual accounts. Best performing share price in 1994 was Hawtal Whiting.

Winners will be announced at the awards ceremony at London's Grosvenor House Hotel on March 9; the guest speaker will be Sir Tim Bell, the public relations adviser.

Mr Cole said: "We are delighted to welcome Sir Tim as our speaker this year and look forward to another successful and enjoyable evening." The PLC dinner has become one of the highlights of the City social calender.

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- ☐ Trifast Group
- ☐ Domnick Hunter
- ☐ Finelist

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After the flood, a warming challenge for business



GRAHAM SEARJEANT

Before Dutch polder-dwellers could put their feet back under their kitchen tables, the flood inquests began. Citizens are blaming their governments for neglecting river flood defences. Governments are blaming each other for exporting their flood risks. By the time the inquests are over, however, they are likely to bring policy changes affecting business throughout the European Community over the next decade.

The reason is simple. The costly 1995 floods, following abnormally bad seasonal inundations a year ago, will surely create a powerful new constituency dedicated to fighting the threat of global warming. Whether such a threat exists scarcely matters. Since random variations in weather outweigh long-term trends, no one can prove that global warming is to blame. Equally, no-one can disprove it.

What does matter is that millions of voters in Germany, France, The Netherlands and Belgium will become much more concerned at the perceived threat. Their governments, all eager to please voters and avoid individual blame, form a powerful block in the Union. Nor will pressure just come from those traditionally concerned about the environment. Costs are mounting. Insurance companies are worried. Munich Re, the world's largest reinsurance company, argued last week: "The almost regular floods in Europe point to a possible global warming." Premiums will rise. The European Commission has already promised a committee to consider the implications. It will be deluged with concerns about climate change. And an accident of the diplomatic calendar is likely to prove significant. The German Government is scheduled to host a meeting in March of top officials from countries that signed up at Rio, to argue whether commitments made under the climate convention were adequate. Many EU countries are not reckoned to be doing too well on their existing commitments. Germany, biggest emitter of "greenhouse gases", will be thinking decidely green this spring.

One way or another, therefore, global warming is destined to move swiftly up the European agenda. Business and the DTI should consider immediately the threats and opportunities this will bring.

Many of us are hopelessly confused by the different concerns: ozone depletion, acid rain, air pollution, global warming *et al.* Helpfully, they overlap. But the principal claimed source of global warming is the growth of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere: industrial countries pumping it out and poor countries axeing the trees that absorb it. The main target in Europe will be burning of fossil fuels: coal, oil, gas and peat. That cannot be dealt with by friendly green add-ons like recyclable packaging. It affects every corner of the economy: three quarters of electricity generation; energy-intensive industrial processes such as making cement, paper and chlorine; transport by car, lorry or aeroplane, and gas central heating.

Governments have been reluctant to accept environmental theories for good reasons. If the threat of global warming is accepted, then suddenly a wide array of free market costs cease to reflect true economic/social costs. To redress that, governments would either have to impose taxes and subsidies on the grand scale or a raft of new regulations: unpopular and unwelcome. In Europe, individual governments would be loath to hobble their own industries, leading the Commission to argue for more forest-loads of detailed and inflexible EU rules. Britain has been notably reluctant.

Even for environmental campaigners, the issues are complex and uncomfortable. As Baroness Thatcher spotted, when the Government's brief embraced the green agenda, an easy way to cut carbon dioxide emissions from electricity generation is to switch to nuclear power. That is why France, Europe's prime nuclear generator, was in favour of an EU carbon tax and many others against it. Even that proposed tax had to exempt many energy-intensive industries to keep Europe industrially competitive.

The Government discovered the problems when it tried to put the second tranche of VAT on domestic fuel. This aimed to help the UK meet its commitment to bring carbon dioxide emissions back to 1990 levels by the end of the century. Subtler measures would clearly be needed. One suggestion is that much higher energy taxes might be acceptable if the proceeds were used to cut other taxes. A phased doubling of petrol duty might finance abolition of employers' national insurance contributions, the jobs tax.

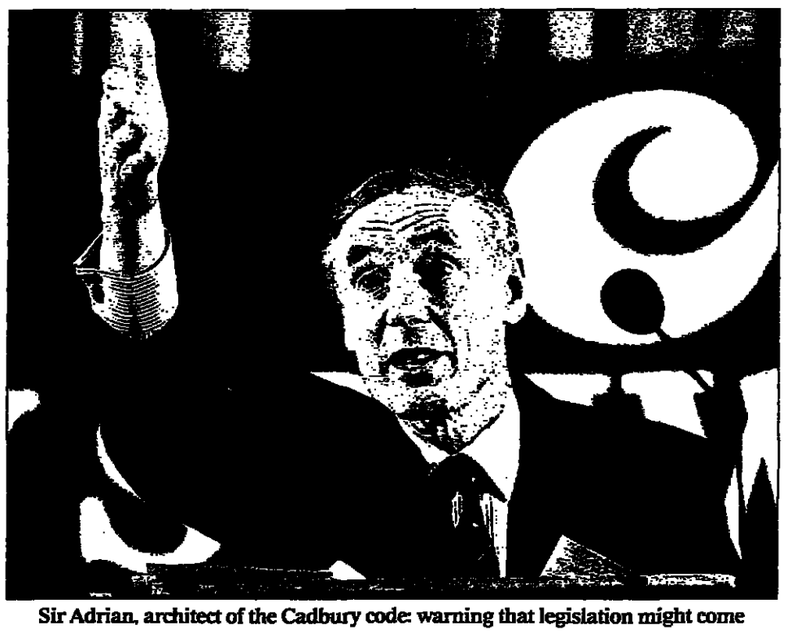
So far, Britain has tried to meet its commitments mainly through the power industry's dash for gas. Combined cycle gas stations are more fuel-efficient than existing coal stations. But Britain's commitments were more modest than those espoused by Germany and The Netherlands — if more realistic. If the EU gets steamed up about global warming, it will press for hefty cuts in carbon dioxide emissions from the turn of the century.

Nuclear Electric can offer an answer, though not a popular one. The painless method would be to promote energy efficiency. In the home, microwave ovens have done their little bit. Cars can be designed to travel further on a litre of petrol. Refrigerators, freezers, televisions and lighting that use less electricity already exist, but do not sell well because of their higher capital cost. Cost pressures are forcing industry to use more efficient processes and energy-efficient buildings, but not fast enough.

Sadly, only taxes or regulations seem likely to do the trick. Business should see the way things are going and spend far more effort now to develop the new products that will clean up, than to resist change.

Can America teach British companies how to behave, asks **Jane Simms**

Law and order in the boardroom



Sir Adrian, architect of the Cadbury code: warning that legislation might come

The membership of a new committee to review the working of the Cadbury corporate governance code will be considered next month. Its remit still has to be decided, but it will almost certainly beef up the code of practice being produced by the group of businessmen chaired by Sir Richard Greenbury, chairman of Marks and Spencer, formed last month to consider guidelines on executive pay.

Despite John Major's comment that attempts to regulate salaries would be dangerous, it may have to bow to popular demand and seek statutory backing for some of its recommendations — perhaps by revising the Companies Acts.

Critics may question what progress another voluntary committee can make, arguing that self-regulation, in the area of executive pay at least, would appear to have failed.

Thomas Clarke, Professor of Corporate Governance at Leeds Business School, says: "In the UK, the climate is one of self-regulation, and the penalties for non-compliance are hardly severe. The whole environment is apparently one of a gentlemen's club. That can't survive much longer."

Sir Adrian Cadbury himself, chief begetter of the Cadbury code, is a great believer in market forces. Yet, when the code (on the financial aspects of corporate governance) was unleashed at the end of 1992, even he admitted that if companies failed to regulate themselves, legislation would be likely.

Given the lengthy and long-awaited guidance on going concern and internal control, several finance directors believe that corporate governance and accounting standards requirements have become so prescriptive, we may as well have legislation.

In America, rules from the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), New York Stock Exchange and Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) combine to create what Professor Clarke calls "a very vibrant and dynamic system: legislation is being applied, and people are being jailed". Whether legislation would improve corporate governance in the UK is debatable.

America's "proxy rules" regulate companies' communications with shareholders about the business and its governance. Companies have to prepare a "proxy statement" in addition to the annual report and accounts. This document — akin to the Operating and Financial Review some UK companies are now producing at the behest of the Accounting Standards Board — forms the basis of US shareholder meetings.

What Joseph Langmead, a partner in KPMG, the US capital markets group in London, calls "a fairly robust set of regulations" have evolved gradually and are regularly strengthened. At the end of 1992, a ruling on "proxy reform" allowed any number of shareholders to gather together to discuss company policy — to the extent of taking out newspaper advertisements declaring how they would vote and soliciting other shareholders' views. A new ruling was also introduced on executive compensation. All forms of compensation for the five highest paid officers of a corporation must be clearly disclosed for the past three years. Moreover, the compensation committee has to disclose its methods of setting compensation. Alongside this, the company must show its results in terms of total returns to shareholders — dividends and share price — over a five-year period, compared with others in its industry.

The SEC is not the only regulator. Having an audit committee is a listing condition for the New York Stock Exchange. And FASB has its own set of requirements. An exposure draft on accounting for stock options has recently run into opposition from companies and some parts of Congress.

There is an additional — and very aggressive — set of laws governing banks and savings and loan companies. They must have audit committees, truly independent outside directors, management reports on internal control and auditors reports on management reports on internal control. Mr Langmead, of KPMG, says these laws may be imposed on companies as a whole. However, Amar Bhide, of Harvard Business School, argues that US rules to protect investors, while promoting market liquidity, actually militate against efficient corporate governance. He reserves most scorn for pension and mutual fund rules that direct trustees and investment managers to diversify their holdings widely. Such rules, he says, "drive a wedge between shareholders and managers". High stock liquidity, he says, encourages investors to sell out rather than confront problems.

Professor Bhide fears that similar laws being enacted and contemplated by the European Commission and the UK Government, concerning disclosure, market transparency, insider trading and pension fund regulation, while "innocuous" on the surface, will have a similar "pernicious" effect on the way companies are controlled. Professor Clarke says: "The mood of the moment is that self-regulation is not being exercised and that investors are at risk. An ageing population and the current focus on pensions mean there is a pre-occupation with a dependable source of income into the future. As such, investors will continue to be averse to unnecessary risk."

Ann Simpson, managing director of Pensions Investment Research Consultants (PIRC), believes self-regulation should be allowed time to work. The area where she believes the Government must act immediately is in reforming the behaviour of institutional investors.

She says: "Pension fund assets are the largest single source of capital in the economy. But as much of it is traded in and out of shares it neither produces money for the investee company nor value for the pension fund — it just makes money for the intermediaries."

Most institutions do not turn up at annual meetings to hold companies to account: they prefer quiet dialogue behind closed doors and vote with their feet. "They actually have a huge conflict of interest and are loath to bite the hand that feeds them," says Ms Simpson. PIRC and PosTel are lobbying the Government to amend the Pensions Bill and force pension funds to lodge their proxies.

"All the effort has gone on how to make buying and selling shares easier," says Ms Simpson. "If the money that has been spent on Crest and Taurus had been spent on thinking about corporate governance, in terms of persuading institutions to switch from a trading to a long-term ownership mentality, we would have reformed the Companies Acts, the Pensions Bill and the tax regime and we would be a lot further down the road."

☐ The author is editor of *Financial Director*.

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Rank outsider

A DIRECTOR of Rank Organisation has upset the accepted wisdom over executive share options. City institutions maintain that performance targets should be met before company directors cash in their weighty options and suitable guidelines have been laid down. The boffins at Incomes Data Services, the employment research group, have poured over last year's options granted to company directors. They note that four fifths of the cases they looked at last year actually met the basic requirement that earnings per share grew by six percentage points or more on top of inflation over a three-year period. But a director at Rank made a gain of £366,004 even though his company's earnings had shrunk by 20 per cent. Rank's share price had, however, risen by 65 per cent over the three years. A rethink on the commonly applied benchmark is called for by the team at IDS. In the meantime, they note that a typical director of a public company exercised his share options after five-and-a-half years and made a median profit of £61,000. A few fat cats, however, pushed the average figure up to £170,000.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Driven

ONLY in America ... Wall Street dealers scared of missing a single flicker on their screens if they take time off to see a doctor, but who need to talk to a shrink, can now be analysed on their way to work in specially equipped chauffeur-driven vans. The weary, worried and the whacked are driven from home to office in a van furnished with a therapist's office, a burgundy covered couch, two bucket seats, and a coffee table with flowers. There is even a clock on the wall. Demand has been so keen that the service, costing $175 a session and run by New York psychologists Ursula Strauss and Shelly Lennox, now uses four vans and six therapists. The chauffeur is sealed off from the conversations — presumably so that he doesn't become too depressed himself.

IT IS Good Morning Vietnam for Ernst & Young's energy services folk, who are off to Hanoi and Vung Tou on Thursday to run a four-week training course covering Western oil and gas practices for PetroVietnam, Vietnam's state oil company.

Whisky galore

THE winner of Allied Distillers' Laphroaig Fund Manager of the Year competition is given his weight in malt whisky. The 1994 winner was rugby-playing John McKay, portfolio manager for Scottish Widows. What a winner! What a prize! McKay, dressed in kilt, tipped 14.4 stone on the scales and collected 72 bottles! "It will not affect my investment judgment at all," he says.

COLIN CAMPBELL

RADIO CHOICE

A dream of a diary

The Monday Play: Dreaming Up Laura. *Radio 4, 7.45pm.*

"The past can't disappear — it just needs to be unlocked." The advice comes from a lawyer, one of the many (too many?) characters in Paul Hersberg's deeply introspective play. The lawyer, played by Henry Goodman, is instrumental in helping the unlocking process, and the key he uses is the diaries of his emotionally stunted cousin (Sheila Gish). They log her dreams, which reveal her lifelong father fixation. Montaigne offered a thought that could be the play's text: if dreams are the true interpreters of our inclinations, art is needed to sort and understand them. The fractured chronology in this play did not help me to do either.

Distant Voices. *Radio 2, 10.00pm.*

Some famous fictional characters are born with a whimper, not a bang. P.G. Wodehouse was watching an inter-county cricket match. One of the bowlers was called Jeeves. The rest, as they say, is history. Baroness Orczy was standing on a London Underground platform when a fearless rescuer was conceived in her mind. She called him the Scarlet Pimpernel. These stories are not conjured out of the myths and mists of time. They come from the mouths of the writers themselves in the archive recordings Jeremy Nicholas presents tonight. I never thought I would hear Tolstoy asking me, not in print, but in his own voice: "Art thou doing the right thing?" This is a marvellous series.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **4.00am** Bruno Brookes **6.30** Steve Wright **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa L'Anson with the Lunchtime Show, including at **12.30-12.45pm** Newsbeat **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier including at **5.30-5.45** Newsbeat **7.00** Evening Session **9.00** Lee and Herring: live comedy from Stewart Lee and Richard Herring **10.00** Mark Radcliffe **Midnight** Lynn Parsons

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **6.00am** Sarah Kennedy with the Early Show **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce, including at **10.00** Pick of the Hits **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory **7.30** Campbell Burnap with Dance Band Days, and at **8.00** Big Band Era **8.30** Big Band Special, with the BBC Big Band under Barry Forgie **9.00** Humphrey Lyttelton **10.00** Distant Voices. See Choice **10.30** The Jamesons **12.05am** Digby Fairweather with Jazz Notes **1.00** Steve Madden **3.00-6.00** Alex Lester

RADIO 5 LIVE

2.05am Test Match Special: Australia v England **7.00** The Breakfast Programme, including at **7.55** Racing Preview **8.15** Test Match Special **9.35** The Magazine, including at **10.35** Euronews, **11.00** Actuality **12.00** Midday with Mair, including at **12.34pm** Liz Barclay with Moneycheck **2.05** Ruscoe on Five, incl at **3.15** Prime Minister's Question Time **4.00** John Inverdale Naborwide **7.00** News Extra, including at **7.20** sport **7.35** Giant-Killers! 1967 — Berwick v Rangers **8.00** Football Forum **10.05** News Talk, with Niall Dickson **11.00** Night Extra, incl **11.45** The Financial World Tonight **12.05am** The Other Side of Midnight **2.05** Test Match Special: Australia v England

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **GMT. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** Fruhmagazin **5.00** Newshour **6.00** Morgenmagazin **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.15** *Strong Poison* **7.30** What's Your Poison? **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** Health Matters **8.30** Anything Goes **9.00** News **9.05** Business **9.15** Lances to Lasers **9.30** The Learning World **9.45** Sport **10.00** News **10.01** The Rape of Mitteleuropa **10.30** Vintage Chart Show **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **12.00** News **12.10pm** Words of Faith **12.15** My Music **12.45** Sport **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** *Strong Poison* **2.45** Early Versions **3.00** News **3.15** The Other War **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.05** Business Special **5.15** BBC English **6.00** Newsdesk **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.00** News **7.05** Outlook **7.30** The Essential Qur'an **7.45** Health Matters **8.00** News **8.10** Words of Faith **8.15** The World Today **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** Newshour **10.00** News **10.05** Business Special **10.15** Meridian **10.45** Sport **11.00** Newsdesk **11.30** Multitrack **12.00** News **12.15** A Jolly Good Show **1.00** News **1.05** Outlook **1.30** Folk Routes **1.45** Health Matters **2.00** Newsdesk **2.30** My Music **3.00** News **3.15** Sport **3.30** John Peel **4.00** Newsdesk

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto **3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Reports **7.00** The LSO 1988-94 **8.00** Evening Concert **10.00** Mark Griffiths **1.00am** André Leon

VIRGIN

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono's Breakfast **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Wendy Lloyd **7.00** Paul Coyte **11.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00am** Janey Lee Grace

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather **7.00 On Air**, with Catriona Young. Humperdinck (Overture: Königskinder); Rossini (Marche'et'reminiscences pour mon dernier voyage, Pêches de vieillesse); **7.40** *Quartet Collection*: Haydn (String Quartet in A, Op 55 No 1); **8.05** Butterworth (Two English Idylls); Charles Avison (Concerto grosso No 5 in D minor); Fauré (Messe basse) **9.00 Composer of the Week:** Richard Strauss (Sextet, Capriccio; Blick vom oberen Belvedere; Horn Concerto No 2; Finale, Capriccio) **10.00 Musical Encounters**, with Edward Blakeman. Including **10.00** *Artist of the Week*: John Williams, guitar. Barrios Mangore (La ultima cancion, Cueca); **10.05** Purcell (Incidental music: The Double Dealer); Guiliani (Guitar Concerto in A, Op 30); Gabriel Pierné (Sonata da camera); Sibelius (*En Saga*) **12.00 Britannia at the Opera:** Julius Benedict's *The Lily of Killarney*. BBC Concert Orchestra under Barry Wordsworth **1.00pm BBC Lunchtime Concert:** Gabrieli Brass Ensemble performs Britten (Fanfare for St Edmundsbury; Russian Funeral); Handel (Three Duets, The Compleat Tutor for the French Horn); Hugh Wood (Funeral Music); Thomas Simpson (Galliarden; Intraden; Canzonen); Robert Simpson (Canzona for brass); Sigismund von Neukomm (Divertimento for solo trumpet; A March for a brass band) **2.00 Schools:** Twentieth-Century Soundbites **2.15** Storybox **2.25** Let's Move **2.45** First Steps in Drama **3.00 A Brace of Concertos:** Ursula Holliger, harp; Lausanne Concert Orchestra under Heinz Holliger; oboe. Ginastera (Harp Concerto); Lutoslawski (Double Concerto for oboe and harp) **3.45 Pachelbel:** Swedish organist Hans Fagius explores the music of Johann Pachelbel. First of three programmes **4.30 Oster's Blues:** Professor Harry Oster talks about three bluesmen he recorded in the Louisiana State Penitentiary **5.00 The Music Machine:** Tommy Pearson investigates pop songs **5.15 In Tune**, with Richard Baker **7.30 BBC Symphony Orchestra** under John Nelson; Sylvia McNair, soprano; New London Children's Choir. Mahler (Symphony No 4); Kancheli (Light Sorrow) **9.05 The English Cadence:** Jeremy Summerly investigates **9.20 New Waves:** Beamish (Into the Furnace: Gaudier Ensemble); Berwald (Septet) **10.15 Samuel Barber:** Music for a Scene from Shelley, Op 7; Adagio for strings, Op 11 **10.30 The John Field Nocturnes:** No 12 in G; No 17 in E (Daniel Adni, piano) **10.45 Mixing It:** With Robert Sandall and Mark Russell **11.30-12.30am Music Restored:** The Sixteen under Harry Christophers performs music from the Eton Choirbook **1.00-2.00 Night School:** Letterbox **1.20** Singing Together

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day with Stephen Batchelor, Buddhist writer and teacher **6.30** Today, including **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.25, 8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.40 Who Goes Home:** Roy Hattersley looks back at a lifetime in the Labour Party **8.58** Weather **9.00 News 9.05 Start the Week**, presented by Melvyn Bragg and Allson Pearson. With A. Alvarez, Michelene Wandor, Anthony Wall and Patrick Wormald **10.00-10.30 News; Worldly Wise** (FM only): Peter Hobday returns with the panel game about words and their origins **10.00 Daily Service** (LW only), from the Memorial Chapel, University of Glasgow **10.15 Pilgrim's Progress** (LW only), by John Bunyan (21/25) (r) **10.30 Woman's Hour**, introduced by Jenni Murray **11.30 Money Box Live: 0171-580 4444** **12.00 News; You and Yours**, with Dare Brehan **12.25pm Counterpoint:** Ned Sherrin presents the music quiz **12.55** Weather **1.00 The World at One** **1.40 The Archers** (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast **2.00 News; Rediscovering Leo:** In John Harrison's play, Paul Scofield plays a reclusive composer and Samantha Bond a journalist (r) **3.00 The Afternoon Shift:** An hour of live action with stories from all over Britain **4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope:** Robert Dawson Scott watches Sir Michael Tippett's opera, *King Priam* **4.45 Short Story: Politicised Princesses.** Natasha Pyne reads *Rapunzel* and *The Frog Prince* by James Finn Garner **5.00 PM 5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather **6.00 Six O'Clock News** **6.30 Just a Minute**, with Peter Jones, Derek Nimmo, Paul Merton, Steve Frost and chairman Nicholas Parsons (r) **7.00 News 7.05 The Archers** **7.20 The Food Programme**, with Derek Cooper (r) **7.45 The Monday Play: Dreaming Up Laura.** See Choice **9.00 Eaten Alive — By Fleas.** Lionel Kelleway serves up a feast of man to a group of hungry fleas (r) **9.30 Kaleidoscope** (r) **9.59** Weather **10.00 The World Tonight**, with Robin Lustig **10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Initials in the Heart**, by Laurence Whistler. Ronald Pickup reads the fifth of ten episodes (r) **11.00-11.30 Eureka!** (FM only): Bill Gates, chairman of Microsoft, the world's leading software company, talks to Barbara Myers (r) **11.00-11.30 Education Matters** (LW only), with *Times* columnist Libby Purves **11.30-12.00 The Three Musketeers** (FM only), by Alexandre Dumas (5/6) **11.30 Today in Parliament** (LW) **12.00-12.43am News** incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping **12.43** As World Service (LW)

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Hail and farewell to the American invaders

REVIEW



Lynne Truss

Such a big day for Yankees at the court of King Arthur yesterday. Little Lord Fauntleroy finally got himself sorted out at his English castle in the afternoon, but then the second wave crashed in at 9.05pm, to the distant tune of "Over there!" from *Yankee Doodle Dandy*. The four dauntless American girls in *The Buccaneers* rolled up by shiny carriage, to exclaim at the raked gravel, show off their virgin décolletage, and accept without comment that curious thing so baffling to American cousins — that in aristocratic English circles, names spelt "Bright-ling-sea" are never quite what they seem. Why such similar stories? Anything to do with co-production money? Listen to the future and hear its approaching song. *"Over! We're going over! And we won't come back, till it's over over there!"*

It was a relief that things turned out well in **Little Lord Fauntleroy** (BBC 1). This was a surprisingly gripping teatime serial, beautifully acted and wittily made, with clever incidentals such as the pet dog as big as a cow. In the past couple of weeks, coarse, horrid Yankee pretenders had shown up at Dorincourt to wrest the Little Lord's rightful title from him — a fat boy modelled on Pugsley in *The Addams Family*, and a gloriously bedizened mother who scared the pants off the entire household. Dressed in loud clashing tartans, this wicked witch breezed through the library as though she owned the joint, snapped impertinent questions such as "How's the earl fixed?" and stopped just short of cracking her knuckles and spitting in the fireplace.

All this was wormwood to the chauvinist Earl, and it taught him an important lesson. He had wronged the Little Lord's beautifully mannered mother! He had tarred all American women with the same brush! "I have been a great fool, madam, and now I am wretched and miserable," he confessed to the lovely, passive daughter-in-law with the big doe eyes (whom her rival dismissed as a "sap" with too much justice). Sappishness was, however, tearfully rewarded in the end, and the big bear of Dorincourt (George Baker, all gruff and twinkles) finally requested this well-bred gazelle to trot into his castle and take her true place at his side, like — er, well like a bear and a gazelle with a big dog like a cow.

Meanwhile those handsome and spirited hussies in Edith Wharton's **The Buccaneers** (BBC 1) look set to face much the same problem as the Little Lord's mum (grim castles, loveless aristocrats), but on the other hand may be too busy yelping, running and tumbling sexily on lawns to notice precisely what's going on. Here are girls who are supremely heedless of laundering, it seems. "Not in your best things!" is an exclamation that holds no meaning for them.

"What's next?" said the young American actresses each day on the set, as they smoothed down yet another gorgeous, pristine bustled frock, adjusted their tumbling curls, and made sure some unblemished bumps showed fetchingly at the front. "I think we'll have you running again for no reason," said the director, Philip Saville. "No lines, just running, hopping, grabbing at each other's skirts and falling down breathless. Pretend you're about to sing 'I Feel Pretty' from *West Side Story*." "OK," they said. "Imagine, we're getting *paid* for this!" And off they bubbled again.

The Buccaneers was great telly. Forget all that stuff about Edith Wharton anatomising old-time New York with scalpel and microscope. *The Buccaneers* is conceived differently here, as a big story with lots of characters, expensive, well acted and lovely to look at (despite the presence of dead trees in summer). Some of the new dialogue sounds a bit ropey, but the feathered hats make up for it. Meanwhile, delicate social ranking concepts have been deftly swept aside or spelt out in big letters. Simply, our four heroines are Not Good Enough for New York society; and the half-Brazilian Conchita (Mira Sorvino) is unluckiest of all, because her stepfather runs a casino on 24th Street. "That's about as smart as you can get in New York," she informed her startled English in-laws on first introduction. Weird that Conchita's second language is Spanish, by the way. In Brazil it is usually Portuguese.

Naturally, we will return to *The Buccaneers* next week. But in the meantime we can't ignore those wretched fugitive Jordaches in **Brookside** (Channel 4), who were finally collared on Friday, thank goodness, after spending an entire week of peak time hanging around Dublin and Dun Laoghaire with their hands in their pockets, biting their lips at the sight of policemen. "Why are we doing this?" they kept asking each other in eternal tea rooms and featureless Bed and Breakfasts. "Are you sure you want to go through with this?" "I don't know how you can think of eating at a time like this!"

Time usually speeds up for fugitives, but curiously for the Jordaches in Sam Beckett's home town, it slowed down to a virtual halt. "Why am I watching this?" I asked myself, as the life drained wearily from my legs into the sofa. "Am I sure I want to go through with this? How can I think about eating, etcetera." By the time the nee-naws turned up, I felt as tired as Mandy Jordache looked (which is saying something). Luckily, the story regularly shifted back to the secure banalities of Brookside Close — Bev had arranged a house-warming party! — just in time to save my brain from suffocation. All in all, it was a very odd week in the life of *Brookside*. I never thought I'd be so happy to watch Ron Dixon paint a door.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast with Paul Burden and Sara Coburn (87896)

7.00 Breakfast News (62910544)

9.05 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject (s) (9438235)

10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (7431544) **10.05 Good Morning with Anne and Nick**. Weekday magazine (s) (88073780)

12.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1316070) **12.05 Pebble Mill** (s) (2542612) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (75624902)

1.00 One O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (59964)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (82442051) **1.50 Timekeepers** Quiz show. The question-master is Bill Dod (s) (82453167)

2.15 Knots Landing. American drama serial (s) (6763780) **3.00 Today's Gourmet**. Jacques Pepin prepares another meal (4709)

3.30 Cartoon Double Bill. *Cagey Canary* and *Bug Parade* (9886438) **3.45 Bodger and Badger** (9874693) **4.00 Jackanory**. Imelda Staunton with the first part of Jenny Nimmo's story *Delilah and the Dishwater Dogs* (s) (4754167) **4.10 The Legend of Prince Valiant**. (Ceefax) (s) (2735411) **4.35 Tomorrow's End**. Science-fiction adventures (r). (Ceefax) (5942709)

***5.00* Newsround** *(7689964)* ***5.10 Blue Peter**. (Ceefax)* (s) (9022544)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (308780)

6.00 Six O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (273)

6.30 Regional news magazines (525)

7.00 Champion Telly Addicts. The Wilson family, winners in 1992, meet last year's champions, the "Warriors Gate" team. Presented by Noel Edmonds (s) (9490)

7.30 Watchdog. A plumber reveals some of the devious tricks of his trade. (Ceefax) (s) (709)



Albert Square's Lucy Speed, Sid Owen (8.00pm)

8.00 EastEnders. Natalie's hopes are raised, and Ricky has to decide where his loyalties lie. (Ceefax) (s) (5438)

8.30 The Detectives. Comedy series starring Jasper Carrott, Robert Powell *and George Sewell. (Ceefax)* (s) (7273)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News (Ceefax) and weather (8983)

9.30 Panorama. An examination of the case of Private Lee Clegg. (Ceefax) (186815)

10.10 FILM: Flashback (1990) starring Kiefer Sutherland and Dennis Hopper. Comedy thriller about a staid but callow FBI agent escorting a 1960s activist back to Oregon for trial on crimes committed at a political rally. Directed by Franco Amurri. *(Ceefax) (s)* (857322). **Northern Ireland:** The Back Page 10.35 Film: Flashback 12.20am Film 95 12.55-1.35 Snooker

11.55 Film 95 with Barry Norman. Among the films reviewed are *Star Trek: Generations* and *Trapped in Paradise*. (Ceefax) (s) (195148)

12.25am Snooker. Highlights of the day's play in the Benson and Hedges Masters (3691755)

1.05 Weather (4175484)

BBC2

6.20 Open University: An Introduction to Psychology — Autism (7996902) **6.45** Los Angeles: City of the Future? (5493099) **7.35** A Question of Balance? (2175032)

8.00 Breakfast News. (Ceefax and signing) (7830896)

8.15 NEW **Westminster On-Line**. Sarah Baxter presents the programme that gives the public access to politicians. The guest is Virginia Bottomley, MP (s) (4423896)

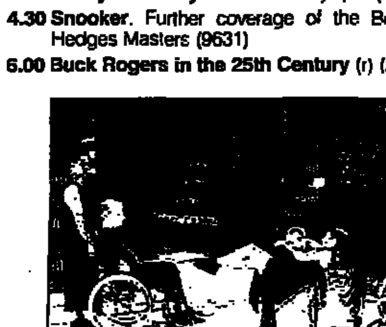
9.00 Daytime on Two *Educational programmes. Plus,* for children, **10.00-10.25** Playdays (2470341) **2.00** Tales of Aesop (41995896) **2.05** Rupert (41994167)

2.10 Snooker Dougie Donnelly introduces action in the Benson and Hedges Masters. Continues at 4.30. Includes **News** and weather at **3.00** (571457) **3.50 News** (Ceefax) and weather (3113438)

4.00 Today's the Day. Recent history quiz (s) (438)

4.30 Snooker. Further coverage of the Benson and Hedges Masters (9631)

6.00 Buck Rogers in the 25th Century (r) (226544)



CandoCo Company dances *Outside In* (6.45pm)

6.45 CHOICE **Dance for the Camera** (s) (829099)

7.00 The Private Life of Plants: The Social Struggle (r). (Ceefax) (s) (422186)

7.50 Travel Show — Short Cuts. A beach hut and San Francisco house swap (s) (473254)

8.00 Horizon: Air Crash — The Deadly Puzzle (r). (Ceefax) (s) (635964)

8.50 Lucinda Lambton's Alphabet of Britain. *O is for Quiet Evenings In*. (Ceefax) (s) (799099)

9.00 Steptoe and Son (b/w). Classic rag-and-bone men comedy (r). (Ceefax) (6525)

9.30 Signs and Wonders. The final episode of the drama about an English family whose daughter is enticed into a Los Angeles-based religious cult. (Ceefax) (s) (37235)

10.30 Newsnight with Peter Snow. An investigation into Mark Thatcher's business deals in the United States. (Ceefax) (491544)

11.15 CHOICE **Big Art in a One Horse Town** (s) (346780)

11.55 Weather (793964)

12.00 Seize the Fire. Tom Paulin's dramatisation of Aeschylus's *Prometheus Bound* (41910)

12.30am Introduction to Design (5826561)

1.20 The Record Robert Orchard with the day's news from Parliament (9056723). Ends at **1.50**

2.00-4.00 Night School: Zig Zag and Landmarks (48674)

4.45-5.15 BBC Select: Disability Agenda (60340397) **5.00 Strathclyde TV — Putting You in the Picture** (1981552)

5.30-6.00 RCN Nursing Update (59939)

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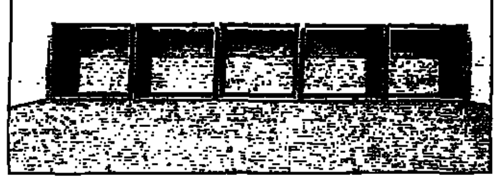
CHOICE

Cutting Edge: For Richer, For Poorer
Channel 4, 9.00pm

An engrossing film by Lucy Sandys-Winsch proves yet again that the simplest documentary ideas often yield the best results. Her notion was to take three engaged couples and follow them through to their weddings. The clever bit was selecting people from different social backgrounds. Superficially the pattern of preparation, ceremony and reception is the same. The implicit message is about class, status and money. For Chris, a banker, and his bride, Elizabeth, it is a morning dress affair with a wedding breakfast at the Ritz. For Julie and Peter, teenagers on state benefits, the register office is followed by a knees-up in a pub. Socially somewhere in between, Rob, a self-made businessman with designer stubble, weds Jo in a humanist ceremony at a hired country mansion.

Dance For the Camera
BBC2, 6.45pm

Four 15-minute films to be shown on successive nights represent a joint project between the BBC and the Arts Council to bring new dance works to television. Indeed these are essentially televisual pieces, exploiting the medium's resources of camerawork and editing in a way that would be impossible in the theatre. This is particularly true of tonight's piece, *Outside In*, which is performed by six members of the CandoCo company. Three of the performers are confined to wheelchairs, though this does not restrict the zest and movement of a kaleidoscopic display. If Victoria Marks's choreography has more style than substance, more form than meaning, even at its most abstract it fixes the eye and compels attention.



The minimalism of Donald Judd (BBC2, 11.15pm)

Big Art in a One Horse Town
BBC2, 11.15pm

Another Monday night treat from *The Late Show* examines the impact of an avant-garde artist on a small town in Texas. The sculptor Donald Judd made his reputation in New York as a pioneer of minimalism. In the early 1970s he decided to uproot and take his cool, austere art to the little cow town of Marfa. He bought up disused buildings, filling them with his work, and acquired more than 30,000 acres of land. The local red-necks did not know what to make of this reclusive figure and his baffling creations. He was even accused of being a devil-worshipper. A year after Judd's death the programme visits Marfa to assess his lasting impact. There is still puzzlement, though one elderly woman from the bridge club admits: "I finally decided he was a genius."

NYPD Blue
Channel 4, 10.00pm

Sometimes you wish the camera would keep still for a couple of minutes, instead of panning giddily back and forth as in the hands of a madman. *Sometimes the* dialogue is delivered too quickly to be comprehensible, at least for British ears unused to New York-speak. This is still a superior cop series, a show of grit and style. The police work itself is unexceptional, a matter of hard slog rather than lucky clues or inspired hunches. What counts is character and atmosphere and from this side of the Atlantic, at least, both seem utterly authentic. This is a tribute to the casting, use of locations and, above all, the script. **Peter Waymark**

CARLTON

6.00am GMTV (1965525)

9.25 Chain Letters Word game with Ted Robbins (4225506) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (2457490)

10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (4581457)

10.35 This Morning (90625167) **12.20pm London Today** (Teletext) and weather (1312254)

12.30 News (Teletext) and weather (4231761)

12.55 Coronation Street (r) (Teletext) (4249780) **1.25 Home and Away** (Teletext) (61805506)

1.55 Capital Woman. A report on the Parent Information Network (s) (91820475) **2.25 A Country Practice** (s) (61216525) **2.50 Blue Heelers** PJ turns debt collector (9033186)

3.20 ITN News headlines (Teletext) (7785070) **3.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7784341)

3.30 Rainbow (r) (9880254) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (3104780) ***3.50 Taz-Mania*** *(r) (s) (7844148)* **4.15 Harry's Mad** (Teletext) (s) (742099) **4.45 Art Attack** (Teletext) (s) (5926761)

5.10 After 5 (Teletext) (9965772)

5.40 News (Teletext) and weather (672902)

5.55 Your Shout Viewers' opinions (586612)

6.00 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (341)

6.30 London Tonight (Teletext) (693)

7.00 Wish You Were Here . . . ? Martin Roberts looks at a children-only summer camp in Surrey; Linda Lusardi laps up the sun in Rhodes; and Judith Chalmers reports from St Lucia. (Teletext) (s) (4186)

7.30 Coronation Street (Teletext) (877)

8.00 Lucky Numbers with Shane Ritchie (9326)

8.30 World in Action looks into allegations that one of Britain's largest police forces is operating an unofficial policy of not investigating drug-related deaths. (Teletext) (s) (2341)



Richard Gere and Julia Roberts (9.00pm)

9.00 FILM: Pretty Woman (1990). Prostitute Julia Roberts comes to the aid of ruthless corporate mogul Richard Gere when he is lost in downtown Hollywood, little realising the effect this meeting will have on both of their lives. Directed by Garry Marshall (2815)

10.00 News at Ten (Teletext) and weather (97099)

10.30 London Tonight (Teletext) and weather (123761)

10.40 FILM: Pretty Woman (continued) (4567419)

11.55 The Equalizer (719612)

12.50am Endsleigh League Extra (1046216)

1.35 Sport AM with Bob Symonds (6901571)

2.35 Quiz Night (7919007)

3.00 FILM: The Lost Hours (1952, b/w) starring Mark Stevens and Jean Kent. An American pilot returns to England for a Second World War reunion, only to find himself suspected of murder. Directed by David MacDonald (5397216)

4.15 Profile. Featuring Malcolm McLaren and Buddy Guy (s) (35211129)

4.30 The Chrystal Rose Show (r) (s) (66531397)

4.55 The Time . . . the Place (6196910)

5.30 ITN Morning News *(46465). Ends at **6.00***

CHANNEL 4

6.35 Once Upon A Time — Life (r) (8376964)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (72815)

9.00 You Bet Your Life (r) (s) (74148)

9.30 Schools Geography Start Here! (9443148) **9.45** Talk, Write and Read (9466099) **10.02** Stage Two Science (6249099) **10.20** Place and People (8235885) **10.40** The English Programme (3178780) **11.05** Encyclopaedia Galactica (2219254) **11.15** The Music Show (9838709) **11.30** *Rat-a-Tat-Tat (3574032)* ***11.45*** *Junior Technology* (3502815)

12.00 Right To Reply (r). (Teletext) (s) (87612)

12.30 Sesame Street with guests Lea Salonga and Andrea Martin (63273) **1.30 Little Miss** followed by **Paddington, Frootie Tooties** and **The Wombles** (54849)

1.55 The Pulse (r) (1612)

2.25 Travels à la Carte: Switzerland *(r)* (s) (254)

3.00 The Late Late Show. Dublin's music and topical chat show (s) (6496167)

3.55 The 3,000 Mile Garden (r). (Teletext) (s) (8489254)

4.30 Countdown. (Teletext) (s) (490)

5.00 The Golden Girls: Fiddler On the Ropes (r) (2964)

5.30 Nurses: This Joint Is Jumpin'. Comedy series set *in a Miami hospital (r) (s) (970)*

6.00 The Cosby Show (r). (Teletext) (s) (983)

6.30 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. Campus comedy starring Mark Curry. (Teletext) (s) (235)

7.00 Channel 4 News (Teletext) and weather (417254)

7.50 The Slot. Viewers' soapbox series (468322)

8.00 Little Killers: The Great Escape. A look at the mink, imported into British fur farms, which escaped *to become established in the wild. (Teletext) (8148)*

8.30 Only When I Laugh. Comedy series set in a hospital ward where, this week, one of the patients has sent a confidential letter to an agony aunt describing his problems (r). (Teletext) (4493)



Newlyweds Julie and Peter Graham (9.00pm)

9.00 CHOICE **Cutting Edge: For Richer, For Poorer.** (Teletext) (s) (6047)

10.00 CHOICE **NYPD Blue: Cop Suey**. (Teletext) (s) (415964)

10.55 Stephanie Hodge: Straight Up. Stand up comedy recorded at San Francisco's Great American Theater in 1991 (s) (738612)

11.30 Pasolini Season: Theorem (1968) starring Terence Stamp, Silvana Mangano and Massimo Girotti. A drama about the effect on the members of a family of the arrival, unannounced, of a mysterious stranger (819322)

1.25am Harold Lloyd: The Third Genius. The second and final part of a documentary profile of the comedy actor. (r) (Teletext) (s) (1544945)

2.30 Eye 2 Eye. Design quiz (r) (s) (2146699)

3.05 FILM: Music Hath Charms (1935). Vintage comedy musical about a day *in* the life of bandleader Henry Hall. Directed by Thomas Bentley, Alexander Esway, Walter Summers and *Arthur Woods (5394129). Ends at **4.20***

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Anglia News and Weather (2457490) **12.20pm-12.30** *Anglia News (1312254)* **1.55** A Country Practice (82447506) **2.20** Houseparty (61208506) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (9033186) **3.25-3.30** Anglia News and Weather (7784341) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (9965772) **6.25-7.00** Anglia Weather followed by Anglia News (558780) **10.30-10.40** Anglia News (123761) **1.35am** The 44 Specialist (269533) **4.10** The Time... the Place (94895303) **4.40** Yan Can Cook (90761823) **5.00-5.30** Wanted Dead or Alive (94649)

CENTRAL

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Central News (2457490) **12.20pm-12.30** Central News and Weather (1312254) **1.55** A Country Practice (82447506) **2.20** Look and Cook (61208506) **2.50-3.20** Blockbusters (9033186) **3.25-3.30** Central News (7784341) **5.10-5.40** Shortland Street (9965772) **6.25-7.00** Central News and Weather (558780) **10.30-10.40** Central *News and Weather (123761)* **11.55** World Championship Boxing (719612) **12.50am-1.35** Endsleigh League Football Extra (1046216) **4.15** Jobfinder (9625945) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (6022281)

GRANADA

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Granada News (2457490) **12.20pm-12.30** Granada News (1312254) **12.55** Shortland Street (4249780) *1.25* Home and Away (30818964) **1.50** Murder, She Wrote (7105254) **2.45-3.20** De Medici Kitchen (9698090) **3.25-3.30** Granada News (7784341) **5.10-5.40** A Country Practice (9965772) **6.25** Granada Tonight (558780) **7.00-7.30** Wish You Were Here . ? (4186) **10.30-10.40** Granada News (123761) **11.55-12.50pm** World Championship Boxing (719612) **1.35am** Sport AM ship Boxing (719612) ... **2.35** Quiz Night (7919007) **3.00** The Lost Hours (5397216) **4.15** Jobfinder (7396007) **4.55-5.30** The Time... the Place (6196910)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55 Art Works (91820475) **2.25-3.20** Dr Quinn, Medicine Woman (2811264) **5.10-5.40** The New Mr & Mrs Show (9965772) **6.30-7.00** HTV News (693) **11.35** Spotlight (715896) **12.25am-12.50** The Powers That Be (7829991) **4.15-4.55** Jobfinder (7396007)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 5.10-5.40 Eye TV (9965772) **6.30-7.00** Wales Tonight (693) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales News (123761) **11.55-12.25pm** Primetime (113544)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 9.55am-10.00 Meridian News and Weather (2457490) **1.55** A Country Practice (82447506) **2.20-3.20** Murder, She Wrote (7178490) *5.10-5.40* Home and Away (9965772) **6.00** Meridian Tonight (341) **6.30-7.00** Country Ways (693) **11.55-12.50pm** Phoenix (719612) **1.35am** The 44 Specialist (269533) **4.10** The Time, the Place (94895303) **4.40** Yan Can Cook (90761823) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (94649)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Westcountry News (2457490) **12.20pm** *Westcountry News (1321902)* **12.25-12.30** My Story (1320273) **1.55** Gardeners' Diary (82456254) **2.15** Westcountry Cameos (28551631) **2.25-2.55** The Young Doctors (61207877) **3.25-3.30** Westcountry News, Weather (7784341) **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9965772) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (13525) **10.30-10.40** Westcountry News, Weather (123761) **11.55-12.50pm** Crime Story (719612) **4.15am-4.55** Jobfinder (7396007)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 9.55-10.00 Calendar News and Weather (2457490) **12.20pm-12.30** Yorkshire: Calendar News and Weather / Bilsdale Network North (1312254) **1.55** A Country Practice (82447506) **2.20** Wish You Were Here ? (61208506) **2.50** Help Yourself (9448186) **2.55-3.20** Shortland Street (7221419) **3.25-3.30** Yorkshire Calendar News / Bilsdale, Network North *(7784341)* **5.10-5.40** Home and Away (9965772) **5.55** Calendar / Network North (852983) **6.30-7.00** The Dales Diary (693) **10.30-10.40** Calendar News and Weather (123761) **11.55** Prisoner Cell Block H (719612) **12.50am** Puzzle (118674) **2.30** The New Music (69277) **3.30** The Chart Show (5008804) **4.25-5.30** Jobfinder (9202939)

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Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (72815) **9.00** *You Bet Your Life (74148)* **9.30** Ysgolion (219964) **12.00pm** Right To Reply (87612) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (77788) **1.00** The Magic Roundabout (75902) **1.30** Home Movies (54849) **2.00** Yellow Sky (285148) **3.50** Scoutmaster Magoo (2717419) **3.55** The 3,000 Mile Garden (8489254) **4.30** Batman (490) **5.00** 5 Pump (5403896) **5.15** 5 Pump (7691709) **5.30** Countdown (970) **6.00** Newyddion (204506) **6.15** Heno (295709) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (2728) **7.30** Sgorio (82322) **8.30** Newyddion (4493) **9.00** Y Byd Ar Bedwar (1693) **9.30** Roseanne (16612) **10.00** NYPD Blue (415964) **10.55** Lonely in America (96140544) **12.40am** 3D Or Not 3D? (5255649)

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am DJ Kat (22631) **8.00** Power Rangers (2464051) **8.45** Oprah Winfrey (9575877) **9.30** Card Sharks (69728) **10.00** Concentration (5200544) **10.25** *Dynamo Duck* (7564167) **10.30** Candid Camera (30728) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (99506) **12.00** The Urban Peasant (14780) **12.30pm** E Street (63544) **1.00** St Elsewhere (68099) **2.00** Shaka Zulu (66780) **3.00** Oprah Winfrey (1288728) **3.50** DJ Kat (4880983) **4.30** Power Rangers (6896) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (1877) **6.00** Gamesworld (9761) **6.30** Blockbusters (3341) **7.00** E Street (2506) **7.30** M*A*S*H (9525) **8.00** Due South (68524) **9.00** Civil Wars (85780) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (95167) **11.00** David Letterman (630506) **11.50** Littlejohn (348273) **12.40am** Chances (7981804) **1.30** Night Court (87910) **2.00-6.00** Hitmix Long Play (5788303)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour
6.00am Sunrise (57167) **9.30** Worldwide Report (9705490) **10.10** CBS 60 Minutes (7465964) **11.00** World News and Business (747322) **1.30pm** CBS News This Morning (97815) **2.30** Parliament Live (31631) **4.00** World News and Business (47032) **5.00** Live at Five (2480983) **6.05** Richard Littlejohn (70459525) **9.30** Coverage of the O J Simpson Trial (472506) **12.30am** ABC World News (2953571) **1.10** 60 Minutes (8388649) **2.30** Parliament Replay (53216) **4.30** CBS Evening News (89129) **5.30-6.00** ABC World News Tonight (18552)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (6145588) **10.00 The Buddy System** (1984) (34032) **12.00 The Legend of Wolf Mountain** (1992) (70983) **2.00pm The Pirate Movie** (1982) (86419) **4.00 Once Upon a Dead Man** (1971) (6709) **6.00 Archer** (1985) (99983) **8.00 A Private Matter** (1993) (68588) **10.00 Falling Down** (1993) (148051) **11.55 Defenceless** (1991) (723186) **1.40am Alligator II — The Mutation** (1990) (4381668) **3.10-4.50 Lambada** (1990) (48909842)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Interlude (1957) (79167) **8.00 In the Heat of the Night** (1967) (74612) **10.00-12.00 The Gate II** (1989) (60544)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am The Pumpkin Eater (1964) (15341) **8.00 Big Wheels and Sailor** (1970) (92877) **9.00 Don Quixote** (1987) (51983) **10.00 Paris When It Sizzles** (1963) (65902) **12.00 Roughshod** (1949) (78525) **2.00pm The Sea Chase** (1955) (77761) **4.00 Big Wheels and Sailor** (1970). As 8am (72728) **5.00 Don Quixote** (1987) As 9am (6815761) **5.55 Mrs Lambert Remembers Love** *(1991) (18435612)* **7.30 UK Top Ten** (2235) **8.00 Rubdown** (1993) (93709148) **9.35 White Men Can't Jump** (1992) (526709) **11.35 Just One of the Girls** (1992) (974231) **1.10am Visions of Murder** (1993) (115113) **2.45 It Takes Two** (1988) (8177484) **4.05-5.35 Mrs Lambert Remembers Love** (1991) As 5.55pm (332620)

● For more film information, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday

SKY SPORTS

10.00am The Big League (74235) **12.00** Aerobics Oz Style (49051) **12.30pm** Super Sunday: Tottenham Hotspur v Blackburn Rovers (63235) **2.30** Opposite Lock — International Motorsport (17362) **3.30** Max Out (6693) **4.00** World of Speed and Beauty (5728) **4.30** Snowboard Tour (4612) **5.00** WWF Mania (7693) **6.00** Soccer News (384341) **6.15** Fish Tales (389896) **6.30** Slunt Team Championship (6457) **7.00** International Cricket Highlights (167269) **10.00** Soccer News (723457) **10.15** The Footballer's Football Show (143099) **11.15** Motorsport Special (109815) **12.45am** Snowboard Tour (688216) **1.15** Soccer News (5349281) **1.30** Stunt Team Championship (38868) **2.00** International Cricket. Live: Australia v England (944842) **4.30** World Soccer Magazine (83620) **5.00-10.00** International Cricket (6784216)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Golf (15998) **8.30** Live Alpine Skiing (96761) **1.00** Ski Jumping (88438) **2.00** Tennis (76490) **3.30** Football (61902) **4.30** Freestyle Skiing (68402) **5.30** Alpine Skiing (24032) **6.30** Eurosport News (1525) **7.00** Speedworld (54457) **9.00** Alpine Skiing (23964) **10.00** Football (92001) **11.30** Eurogolf Magazine (87506) **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport News (27705)

SKY SOAP

8.00am Loving (6539709) **8.30** Peyton Place (6520780) **9.00** As the World Turns (8549548) **10.00** Guiding Light (6243612) **11.00-12.00** Another World (6230148)

SKY TRAVEL

12.00 Eilat Special (6531896) **12.30pm** Zoo Life (1579780) **1.00** The Great Escape (6334964) **1.30** The Real Food of China (1578051) **2.00** California's Gold New Series (8891525) **2.30** Everest (9574803) **4.00** Travel Guide (7046341) **4.30** Zoo Life (7642525) **5.00** Trailside (6882877) **5.30** *Real Food of China (7633877)* ***6.00*** *Getaway* (7623490) **6.30** Discover Your World (7647070) **7.00** American Vacation (8977341) **8.00** Around the World (8871761) **8.30** Travel Guide (8890896) **9.00** Getaway (1496273) **9.30** Discover Your World (1589544) **10.00** American Vacation (8976612) **11.00** Trailside (1467490) **11.30-12.00** California's Gold (2963148)



Michael Douglas stars in *Falling Down* (Sky Movies, 10.00pm)

TLC

9.00am Crawshaw (2479780) **9.30** Madeleine Cooks (1436438) **10.00** Around Seven-teen (4317896) **10.30** Only Human (6447254) **11.30** Opposite Sex (3463167) **12.30pm** Work in Progress (1430254) **1.00** Madeleine Cooks (4071790) **1.30** Crawshaw's Watercolour (1439525) **2.00** Jimmy's (4184877) **2.30** Sick Kids (2103544) **3.00** How Does Your Garden Grow? (4196612) **3.30-4.00** Green Pages (2175761)

UK GOLD

7.00am Give Us a Clue (7226857) **7.30** Neighbours (8871952) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (2498815) **8.30** EastEnders (2497186) **9.00** The Bill (2488438) **9.30** Flesh and Blood (4934983) **10.30** Juliet Bravo (6449612) **11.30** No Place Like Home (4215051) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (2491902) **12.30pm** Neighbours (1432612) **1.00** EastEnders (8776309) **1.30** The Bill (1431983) **2.00** Spring and Autumn (4186235) **2.30** Rings on Their Fingers (2105902) **3.00** Knots Landing (4226167) **4.00** Dallas (4238902) **5.00** Every Second Counts (4200051) **5.40** Captain Pugwash (3376186) **5.50** Hi-De-Hi (9669544) **6.30** EastEnders (2197983) **7.00** The Two Ronnies (9544506) **8.00** Rings on Their Fingers (4108099) **8.30** My Wife Next Door (4185506) **9.00** Tenko (9533490) **10.00** The *Bill (2492631)* ***10.30*** *Top of the Pops* (7631728) **11.15** Ripping Yarns (3962525) **11.55** Dr Who (3262457) **12.25am** Rockliffe's Babies (3086823) **1.25** Squadron (3052638) **2.25** Shopping (59739755)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Sesame Street (1765148) **6.55** Garfield (9252525) **7.25** Eek the Cat (8352612) **7.55** Pugwall's Summer (3970877) **8.25** Super Mario Brothers (1442525) ***8.45*** *Casper (9158457)* **9.00** Sesame Street (31167) **10.00** It's Droibee Time (69231) **12.00** Garfield (85877) **12.30pm** Eek the Cat (27341) **1.00** Beverley Hills Teens (71709) **1.30** Super Mario Brothers (94235231) **1.45** Baby Follies (65980524) **2.00** Barney (4902) **2.30** Baber (5544) **3.00** Casper (5971728) **3.15** Where's Wally (449430) **3.45** Sonic (448761) **4.15** Head to Head (1358273) **4.30-5.00** California Dreams (5780)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Nickelive! (4813849) **7.15** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (567235) **7.45** Rugrats (566506) **8.15** Doug (651148) **8.45** Nickelive! (9119457) **9.00** Nick Junior (363544) **12.00** Pee-Wee's Playhouse (47693) **12.30pm** Muppet Show (95457) **1.00** Galaxy High (46438) **1.30** Banana Sandwich (95728) **2.00** Denver (2148) **2.30** Smoggies (2490) **3.00** Nick Faves (4983) **3.30** Teenage Mutant Hero Turtles (4235) **4.00** Doug (6070) **4.30** Rugrats (2254) **5.00** Clarissa (6728) **5.30** Secret World of Alex Mac (3506) **6.00** Grimmy (2849) **6.30-7.00** Dracula (4099)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm The Global Family (2194896) **4.30** Earthfile (2183780) **5.00** Hell Herbie (4108457) **5.30** Alligators (1165506) **6.05** Beyond 2000 (8078438) **7.00** Next Step (4188693) **7.30** Future Quest (2191709) **8.00** Space Age (3551896) **9.00** Reaching for the Skies (9531032) **10.00** Compass (9541419) **11.00** Special Forces (4237273) **11.30-12.00** Those Who Dare — Boxer (4306780)

BRAVO

12.00 *FILM: Devil Girl from Mars (1954)* (5100186) **1.30pm** The Mothers-in-Law (1426051) **2.00** The Avengers (4305051) **3.00** Rat Patrol (4190438) **3.30** Hogan's Heroes (2102815) **4.00** FILM: Pumping Iron (1977) Documentary of young Arnold Schwarzenegger's pursuit of the Mr Olympia title (5190709) **5.30** Drama Classics (2101186) **6.00** The Protectors (2108099) **6.30** Cannon (2431254) **7.30** The Invisible Man (2188235) **8.00** The Avengers (9548322) **9.00** The New Avengers (9568186) **10.00-12.00** FILM: The Incident (1967) Two villains hijack a subway car. With Tony Musante, Martin Sheen (4210506)

UK LIVING

6.00am Agony Hour (5284341) **7.00** Living Magazine (1526983) **8.00** Room for Change (3951902) **8.30** Rendezvous (3950273) **9.00** Masterchef (5176780) **9.35** Now You See It (2115728) **10.00** Trivia Trap (8423506) **10.30** The Susan Powter Show (3947709) **11.00** The Young and the Restless (6767586) **12.00** Rendezvous (3921761) **12.30pm** Kilroy (4256148) **1.30** On the House (3839235) **2.00** Agony Hour (8424235) **3.00** Living Magazine (9772148) **3.45** Gladrags and Glamour (98762322) **4.00** Infatuation (6279506) **4.30** Trivia Trap (38898438) **4.55** Take Six Cooks (6892506) **5.30** Kate and Allie (6282070) **6.00** The Susan Powter Show (6289983) **6.30** Brookside (6270235) **7.00** *Living Magazine (7895544)* **8.00** Young and the Restless (7871964) **9.00** FILM: Chaser: Jennifer O'Neill stars in a courtroom murder mystery (17377159) **10.50** Gladrags and Glamour (9718506) **11.00** The New Mr and Mrs Show (4458983) **11.30-12.00** Infatuation UK (8412490)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Danger Mouse (5254) **5.30** Motormouth (644308) **6.25** All Clued Up (285457) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (5490) **7.30** My Two Dads (3709) **8.00** Anne of Green Gables (76070) **9.00** Moonlighting (63506) **10.00** Family Catchphrase (86506) **10.30** GP (95254) **11.00** Lou Grant (81186) **12.00** Rhoda (78026) **12.30am** Big Brother Jake (33465) **1.00** Danger Mouse (48571) **1.30** Trivial Pursuit (54874) **2.00** Moonlighting (97007) **3.00** Lou Grant (44552) **4.00** Rhoda (84084) **4.30-5.00** Big Brother Jake (36736)

MTV

5.00am Awake on the Wildside (89216) **6.30** The Grind (56902) **7.00** Awake on the Wildside (73780) **8.00** VJ Ingo (251235) **11.00** Soul (62051) **12.00** Greatest Hits (15506) **1.00pm** The Afternoon Mix (940322) **3.30** Coca-Cola Report (5611780) **3.45** Cinematic (5616235) **4.00** News (1337780) **4.15** 3 from 1 (1350631) **4.30** Dial MTV (4438) **5.00** Hit List UK (55588) **7.00** Greatest Hits (69780) **8.00** Unplugged with Bob Dylan (85728) **9.00** The Real World 3 (41896) **9.30** Beavis and Butt-Head (16235) **10.00** Coca-Cola Report (258728) **10.15** Cinematic (246983) **10.30** News (950877) **10.45** 3 from 1 (948032) **11.00** The End? (39983) **1.00am** Soul (77674) **2.00** The Grind (13910) **2.30** Night Videos (7057858)

VH-1

7.00am *Crawling from the Wreckage* (6233235) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (6665728) **12.00** The Bridge (1590273) **1.00pm** Videos (6236322) **1.30** Ten of the Best (1762780) **2.30** Heart and Soul (2804051) **3.30** Into the Music (7861493) **6.00** Prime Cuts (7632148) **6.30** VH-1 to 1 (7656728) **7.00** VH-1 for You (8998099) **8.00** VH-1 Album Chart (8966235) **10.00** The Bridge (4518542) **11.30** The Nightfly (3168001) **1.30am** Ten of the Best (3852736) **2.30-7.00** Dawn Patrol (7966910)

CMT EUROPE

Country music from **6am** to **7pm**, including **6.00** Saturday Nite Dance Ranch **6.00-7.00** Big Ticket

TV ASIA

6.00am Persian Dawn (14902) **7.00** Asian Morning (94411) **8.30** Bunyaad (98715) **9.00** Pakistani FILM (901728) **12.00** Ghar (33902) **1.00pm** Hindi FILM (817815) **4.00** Naureena (30780) **5.00** Cookery Programme (2780) **5.30** Tik Tik Tik (3186) **6.00** TVA and You (2849) **6.30** Bunyaad (4099) **7.00** Baba Jaan and Sons (6964) **7.30** Des Pardes (3983) **8.00** News Bulletin (5612) **8.30** Allseley (1419) **9.00** Hindi FILM (922186) **12.00** Asian Morning (31379) **1.30am** Sight and Sound (6585945)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.
7.00pm I Dood It (1943) (22326631) **9.00 The Last Time I Saw Paris** (1954) (33508065) **11.10 The Unknown Man** (1951) (40224902) **12.45am Calling Bulldog Drummond** (1951) (89540397) **2.15 The Case of the Howling Dog** (1934) (71813658) **3.10-5.00 Nancy Drew and the Hidden Staircase** (1939) (62648656)

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Kenneth Clarke, centre, with his counterparts, Theo Waigel, of Germany, left, and Robert Rubin, of the US, in Toronto

US and Europe paper over G7's $50 billion Mexico rift

FROM RICHARD CLEROUX IN OTTAWA

FINANCE ministers and central bankers from the leading Western countries emerged from the G7 meeting in Toronto with word that "unanimous and unequivocal approval" had been achieved for the $50 billion US-led bailout of the Mexican economy.

The announcement of the agreement papered over the rift between the US, which originally proposed the bailout, and several European countries, notably Britain and Germany. The ministers, including Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, spent most of the two days discussing the loan guarantees to Mexico and somewhat less time discussing reform of the International Monetary Fund and Russia's economy.

Included in the rescue package was a stern warning to Mexico to stay on track. Robert Rubin, US Treasury Secretary, said on Saturday: "We all agreed that the American programme and the IMF programme must be conditional on very strong economic conditions with respect to Mexico, and must be phased to ensure the Mexican economic policies stay on track. Our consultations were not as full as we would have liked, but we had to act in a very short period of time."

The Americans, who originally proposed a $40 billion bailout, subsequently announced an international support plan worth a further $10 billion. The final package includes $20 billion from the US, $17.8 billion from the IMF and $10 billion from Europe and Japan funnelled through the Bank for International Settlements.

Mr Rubin acknowledged that the European contingent had grumbled over their role in coming to the rescue of the Mexican economy and its falling peso. However, he insisted that the problem with the Europeans was solved.

The meeting's host, Paul Martin, the Canadian Finance Minister, said the G7 looked forward "to making institutions like the IMF more able to monitor the world's economic troublespots and step in faster when the next crisis occurs".

The fallout from the Mexican crisis appears to have convinced several member-countries that reform of the IMF is now a priority. Several participants came away reluctantly accepting the US argument that the collapse of the Mexican economy could trigger a world financial collapse.

US representatives argued that if Mexico was to default on billions of dollars of bonds it would spark a pullout of investors, not just from Mexico but from other developing economies around the world.

Mr Martin dismissed concerns that the scale of the $50 billion rescue operation may have stretched the financial resources of the IMF and that it might not be able to put together another similar financial rescue should a similar crisis arise elsewhere in the developing world.

He argued that the agreement reached in Toronto to help the Mexicans proved that the international community enjoyed control of global money markets.

Certain European official voiced doubts that the Mexico crisis was as dire as the US had painted it and complained that they had been dragooned into supporting the plan.

Mr Rubin appears to have emerged as something of a hero from the meeting because it was he who convinced President Clinton a week ago that unless the US came to the Mexico's rescue, an international financial collapse could ensue. It was Mr Rubin who convinced Mr Clinton that the US had to turn to the IMF for additional help.

Silence in the Rank on Gifford

RANK ORGANISATION, the largest leisure group in Britain, declined to comment yesterday on the future of Michael Gifford, its chief executive, after a report that he is to quit the company within a few months (Susan Gilchrist writes).

An article in *The Mail on Sunday* claimed that Mr Gifford has reached an agreement with the board to resign, and is likely to go with a £1 million pay-off.

Mr Gifford, 59, has spearheaded Rank for more than a decade, and is not due to retire for three years. He has built a reputation as a tough hands-on executive, well-known for his blunt style.

Speculation over a personality clash between Mr Gifford and Sir Denys Henderson, the head of ICI who takes over as chairman of Rank next month, is perceived as wide of the mark. Sources close to both men dismissed such suggestions.

The Mail on Sunday article alleges that Mr Gifford intends to move to America for personal reasons. (Diary, page 42)

Power sale prospectus stresses dividend rise

BY MARTIN WALLER
DEPUTY CITY EDITOR

THE pathfinder prospectus for the £4 billion offer for sale of shares in PowerGen and National Power, published today, will forecast sharp dividend growth in an attempt to generate widespread public interest.

But the prospect of a 20 per cent yield on the shares, based on the first instalment to be paid and the subsequent dividends, will be counterbalanced by a three-page "health warning", which sets out the often confrontational relationship between the companies and Stephen Littlechild, the industry regulator.

A surprise eleventh-hour intervention by Professor Littlechild, Director-General of the Office of Electricity Regulation, has already caused a week's delay in publication.

Ten days ago Professor Littlechild embarrassed all parties involved in the float when he reported that electricity prices are running well above the levels agreed with the two companies a year ago, the last time he intervened in the generation industry.

The Director-General's last-minute statement, coming just three days before the pathfinder was due to be published, was subsequently incorporated into the document, thus necessitating the delay.

Professor Littlechild said he had been reassured by both companies that prices had been forced higher by events outside their control, namely unexpected breakdowns, particularly in nuclear generating plant. He added that he would monitor the situation closely to ascertain whether the companies were complying with the agreement reached early last year.

Advisers have also had to insert a page in the prospectus that attempts to lay out the policies of Labour and the Liberal Democrats towards the industry and the companies.

Labour's stance, in so far as it can be derived from statements in the House of Commons and policy documents, is perceived as relatively benign, with renationalisation not seen as a strong priority.

The £4 billion sale, comprising the Government's outstanding 40 per cent stake in both companies, will focus sharply on earnings prospects. The companies are thus expected to confirm analysts' estimates of rises of 16 to 18 per cent in dividends for the current year, which ends in March, and emphasise ongoing dividend largesse.

Both companies have stated that they can reduce their dividend cover, currently up to 3.8 in the case of PowerGen, down to 2.5. This serves to underline the prospect of significant dividend growth.

A recent research circular from Kleinwort Benson, the broker acting as joint financial adviser to the Treasury on the sale, focused on an estimated 15 to 20 per cent annual dividend growth from the two power combines, and claimed that only a "handful" of stocks enjoyed higher prospective returns.

John Baker, chief executive of National Power, and Ed Wallis, his counterpart at PowerGen, will both attend a high-profile launch for the prospectus. They will then depart, along with other executives, on a two-week international roadshow designed to drum up overseas interest.

A source within one of the companies told *The Times* over the weekend: "It is not in our interests for the risks to be underplayed. We want the sale to go ahead, but full disclosure is required so that the investor is in no doubt."

Graham Searjeant, page 42

Trafalgar referral decision soon

THE City expects a decision this week from Michael Heseltine, President of the Board of Trade, on whether to refer Trafalgar House's £1.2 billion takeover bid for Northern Electric to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The Treasury is unlikely to enthuse over a reference before the National Power/PowerGen share sale. Apart from an adverse price impact, news of a reference would also strain relations further between the Government and Stephen Littlechild, the industry regulator.

One option is that Mr Heseltine could still act should Trafalgar not ringfence the generator, and retain transparent accounting.

British Land ready to buy 320 pubs from Inntrepreneur

BY CARL MORTISHED

BRITISH LAND is poised to buy the freeholds of some 320 public houses in the Chef & Brewer chain that are being sold by Inntrepreneur Estates, the Grand Metropolitan and Courage joint venture.

John Ritblat's property group, which recently clinched the takeover of Stanhope Properties, has emerged as the frontrunner to acquire the pubs chain with a bid understood to be in excess of £200 million. Rival bidders for the assets, which are leased to Scottish & Newcastle, the brewing combine, included Burford and Argent, the quoted property firms.

In a refinancing, the pubs were transferred for £203 million last year to a special purpose company owned by Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank. GrandMet and Courage have jointly guaranteed the financing and will benefit or lose in equal measure from any uplift or shortfall against the transfer price.

Key attraction to British Land is thought to be the £18 million income guaranteed by Scottish & Newcastle, which could offer a yield of almost 9 per cent on the purchase price along with a strong covenant from S&N. Leases average 20 years, but S&N will be keen to ensure that shorter leases are renewed to preserve the value of the Chef & Brewer chain.

British Land may seek to renegotiate the leases with S&N and obtain regular minimum rental uplifts in exchange for lease extensions. This would serve to improve the yield further. Guaranteed rental uplifts proved a feature of British Land's innovative sale and leaseback deals with Tesco and Sainsbury in 1990.

Nick Leslau, chief executive of Burford, which made an offer for the pub portfolio, said: "It's not about bricks and mortar. It's a corporate deal." GrandMet and Fosters, which owns Courage, refinanced the joint venture in November with a conversion of loans to shares and the injection of £56 million of new equity. Inntrepreneur recently sold 1,750 pubs to Phoenix Inns for £254 million. This deal would leave it with 4,300 pubs financed by an £800 million bank facility.

Row looming over how jobless are tallied



Oppenheim: talks 'helpful'

BY PHILIP BASSETT
INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

THE Government faces a row over its monthly unemployment figures as a result of an independent inquiry that is expected to recommend that ministers agree to a new way of measuring the number of people out of work.

The findings of the inquiry by the Royal Statistical Society, the premier independent authority on the quality of statistical work, are likely to prove embarrassing for ministers and will, inevitably, be seized on by Opposition leaders.

An outline of the preliminary findings of the year-long examination of the politically sensitive unemployment figures has been presented to ministers, ahead of publication. This follows a recent acknowledgement by Bill McLennan, head of the Government's statistical service, that the unemployment figures carry little, if any, public credibility.

The RSS inquiry, set up after John Prescott, Labour's deputy leader and former employment spokesman, clashed with the Government last year, is expected to recommend that the key measure of unemployment should be based on a monthly version of the Government's quarterly *Labour Force Survey* (LFS) instead of the regular monthly count of those out of work and claiming benefit.

The LFS conforms with internationally recognised standards of a sample of 60,000 households, which yields details of unemployment, employment and a range of other economic statistics.

The inquiry is understood to strongly reject the claimant count as a measure of the true level of unemployment. In particular, it is expected to argue that the claimant count will be further distorted by this year's changes in invalidity benefit and next year's introduction of the Jobseekers' Allowance (JSA) as the key unemployment benefit.

It is expected that the report will urge the Government to take the opportunity of the introduction of JSA to use the claimant count as a mere financial measure of benefits paid out and to fund a monthly *Labour Force Survey*. The RSS is expected to argue that in the absence of a monthly claimant count, policymakers would be satisfied with a quarterly measure of unemployment based on the LFS. If, however, a monthly figure is required, the survey-based approach should be used.

RSS leaders presented their preliminary findings to ministers and Labour leaders last week and requested responses. The Department of Employment said it could not comment on a private meeting, but Philip Oppenheim, Employment Minister, said the talks were helpful and interesting.

Labour suggested the claimant count should be taken over by the Department of Social Security and a new monthly LFS should be overseen by the Central Statistical Office.

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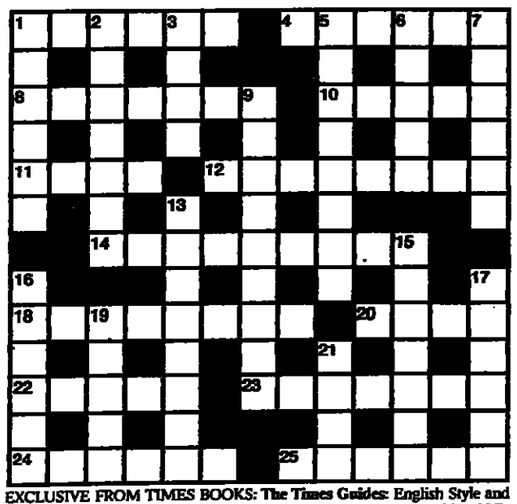
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TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

No 388

ACROSS
1 Short sleep (6)
4 Vegetable: old watch (6)
8 Pretend; decipher (4,3)
10 Small flock of game-birds (5)
11 Entranceway, means of access (4)
12 Short publication (8)
14 So as to make an impression (3,6)
18 With burning zeal (8)
20 Stone particles; strength of character (4)
22 Object fussily (5)
23 Outer end of mast-crossing spar (4-3)
24 Whole (6)
25 Lawn, real, table game (6)

DOWN
1 Humorous play (6)
2 Mimic; leave the ground (4,3)
3 County; Shakespeare's home river (4)
5 Not selected for country (8)
6 Central point; an orange (5)
7 Mexican cactus, mescaline source (6)
9 In weeping manner (9)
13 Composed of small hard particles (8)
15 Ground (militarily) (7)
16 Socially awkward (6)
17 Defeats (with question); close of (cricket) play (6)
19 Displaced turf (5)
21 A Great Lake (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 387

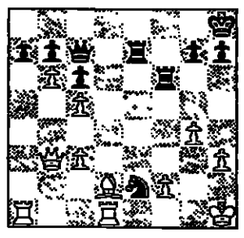
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DOWN: 2 Twinkle 3 Greet 4 Amelioration 5 Galumph 6 Rodeo 7 Of the essence 13 Theseus 15 Cooking 17 Loose 19 Ample

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is a variation from a game I played recently in a simultaneous display, where I played games against 25 different opponents at the same time. Black has a fine attack, but is hamstrung by the threat to his queen. How does he overcome this difficulty with a winning combination?



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WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SILVICIDE
a. Killing trees
b. A silver compound
c. A cut of beef

TEART
a. Torn in Scotland
b. A cloth bottle-stopper
c. Sour grass

TRONC
a. A French xylophone
b. A tip box
c. Telephone answering service

SHAWMIST
a. One who plays the shawm
b. A malt whisky
c. Freezing fog

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